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THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

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SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship AROUT, 1,780 Tons, 300 H.P., Commander C. Day, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 21st November 1871, at noon.

Leave BOMBAY	Nov.	Leave Colombo	Dec.
,, Rutnagherry	22	,, Galle	1
,, Vingoria	23	,, Negapatam	4
,, Carwar	23	,, Madras	6
,, Mangalore	24	,, Cocanada	8
,, Cannanore	25	,, Vizagapatam	9
,, Tellicherry	25	,, Bimlipatam	9
,, Calicut	26	,, Gopaulpore	10
,, Beypore	26	,, False Point	11
,, Cochin	27	Arrive CALCUTTA	12
,, Allepey	28		
,, Tuticorin	29		

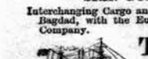
This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussora, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tygris Steam Navigation Company.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

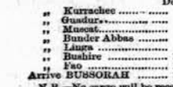
The Steam-ship CASHMERE, 1,028 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander J. Avens, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 27th November 1871, at noon.

Leave BOMBAY	Nov. 27	Leave BUSSORAH	Dec. 15
,, Kurrachee	Dec. 1	,, Fao	19
,, Guadur	2	,, Bombay	19
,, Muscat	4	,, Linga	19
,, Bunder Abbas	6	,, Bunder Abbas	20
,, Linga	8	,, Muscat	22
,, Bushire	10	,, Guadur	24
,, Fao	12	,, Kurrachee	27
Arrive BUSSORAH	15	Arrive BOMBAY	30

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY, at noon.

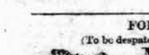
The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander A. Scott, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 20th November 1871, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(To be despatched hence about 28th instant.)



MESSRS. JOSEPH HEALD and Co.'s new and powerful Steam-ship STEPHENSONS, 1,291 registered Tons, G. Bray, Commander. This fine Steamer has extensive passenger accommodation of a very superior description.

RATES ARE :

1st Class to Suez £30
Ditto to Liverpool £50
2nd Class to ditto £30

exclusive of Wines, &c., which, however, can be procured on board at moderate prices.

For further particulars apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 6th November 1871.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

"The Company intends to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and CHINA, *viz.* The Steamers APIS and SPHINX have only limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers. The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine in transit through Egypt, and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage. For Baggage in excess £4 per Ton is charged.

The new Passenger Steamer FLORA, 2,320 Tons, which has very superior accommodation for Passengers, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 7th December.

RATES OF PASSAGE PER FLORA :

	First Class.	Second Class.
To Trieste	£50	£35
To Suez	£36	£22

(*See Special Advertisement.*)

The Steamer APIS, 1,400 tons, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 15th January.

PASSENGER RATES FROM BOMBAY PER APIS AND SPHINX.

	Cabin.	Deck, with Food.
To Trieste	£40	£19- 0
To Port Said	£30	£14- 6
To Suez	£28	£13- 7
To Aden	£16	£ 7-13

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England, and the Continent generally.

THERE is also a weekly service by MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and *vice versa*, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 200 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste in such more agreeable, it being an ever changing trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ to 5 days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on the Line, which are built expressly for this service, with special regard to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have a first class accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have a first class accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller in England has an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting routes, occupying from three days six hours to five days to London, at an expense varying from £7 to £18.

Passengers by the P. & O. Co.'s steamers to Suez can have their baggage forwarded by that Company's steamers from Alexandria to Southampton, at a charge of 10s. per cwt., for the regulated allowance of 3 cwt., and of 20s. per cwt. for excess weight (both exclusive of transit through Egypt), to which the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Suez will attend.

The undersigned grants also Passage Tickets for the steamers sailing between Alexandria and Trieste, and for the Railway between Suez and Alexandria.

PASSENGER RATES FROM ALEXANDRIA TO TRIESTE.

First Class ..... £13 | Second Class £9

Children under 10 years of Half Fare; under 2 years, Free.

REDUCED FARES FOR FAMILIES, consisting of not less than 3 adult members travelling together :—First Class, £10-16 per head; Second Class, £7-10 per head.

Personal Baggage allowed Free : 1st Class 200 lbs., 2nd Class 150 lbs., overweight 10s. per 100 lbs.

Railway Tickets, from SUEZ to ALEXANDRIA, with all the privileges of Passengers by the P. & O. Co.:—First Class, £5; Second Class, £2. Children over 2 and under 10 years as Half Fare. Free Baggage—1st Class 3 cwt., 2nd Class 200 lbs., overweight 7s. per cwt.

In conjunction with the Austrian Lloyd, Cargo for Trieste and Venice can be booked through from Bombay by the P. & O. Co., and via Bombay from the various ports touched at by the steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

TRANSHIPMENT SERVICE AT PORT SAID.

GOODS for Trieste, Venice, Odessa, and Ports on the Syrian, Turkish and Greek Coasts, shipped by Steamers under any Flag whatever from Japanese, Chinese, and Indian Ports bound to Mediterranean or British Ports, via Suez Canal, are received and transhipped by the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Port Said, and forwarded to their destination by the Company's regular lines of Steamers.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 12, Medows Street, 13th November 1871.

S. BREADALBANE, from LONDON.—Consignees of CARGO, shipped by the above Steamer, and arrived in Bombay per Tezzer and Khedabux, are informed that their GOODS WILL BE SOLD on Owners' account TO PAY SALVAGE EX ENGESS incurred, unless taken delivery of within ten days from this date.

CAMPBELL, MITCHELL, & Co.,
Agents to Lloyds.

Bombay, 8th November 1871.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Saturday, the 18th November, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. MONGOLIA (2,798 tons and 500 H.P.), Captain A. E. Barlow, will LEAVE for SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Genoa, Naples, and Havre, Liverpool or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

REDUCTION OF FARES.

The Rates of Passage Money have been reduced as follows :—

To BRINDISI .....First Class Rs. 600 Second Class Rs. 300
To SOUTHAMPTON. ,, ,, 650 ,, ,, 350

Exclusive of Wines and Liquors, and the transit through Egypt.

All Children under 3 years of age, free; above 3 and under 10, half fare.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. H.P., Captain C. H. Eastley, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 23rd Nov., leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, and carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 21st November.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(Via Suez Canal, calling at Malta.)

THE New Steam Ship REDEWATER, 1,429 tons, 160 Horse-power, 800 effective (classed A1 for 100 years at Lloyds), W. Richards, Commander.

This fine Steamer, built expressly for the East India and China trade, having very superior accommodation for thirty passengers, and with a Doctor on board, will be despatched on or about the 27th instant. Excluding detention in the Canal the Outward Passage was made in 28 days.

Rates of Passage Money :

1st class to Liverpool ..... £ 50
1st class to Suez ..... £ 30
1st class to Malta ..... £ 40

exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board.

For further particulars apply to

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 3rd November 1871.

£15 TO ENGLAND.

THE magnificent first class full power iron Steam Ship EUROPEAN, 2,690 Tons Register, 450 Horse Power, (lately of Allan's, Liverpool and Canadian Line), G. F. Abram, Commander, will leave Bombay for Liverpool direct (via Suez Canal), on the 14th JANUARY 1872.

FARE, INCLUDING FOOD, Rs. 150.

It is necessary, to prevent disappointment, that intending Passengers should make prompt application to the Undersigned, otherwise the Agents of the Steamer will proceed to fill up the Cabin space with cargo unless Passages are immediately booked.

JOHNSON & Co.,
Ship-Brokers, Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

NOTE.—Should a sufficient number of Native Passengers offer, separate accommodation will be provided for them. Fare—Rs. 150.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO TRIESTE.

The New, First-Class, Fast Passenger Steam-ship FLORA, 2,320 Tons, 250 H.P., expressly built for the trade with India, will be despatched for TRIESTE, via SUEZ CANAL, on or about the 7th December. This Steamer has really good accommodation for Passengers

RATES OF PASSAGE,

(including a liberal Table with Wine and Liquors, transit through Egypt, and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage),

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Trieste	£ 50 0	£ 35 0	£ 19 0
,, Port Said	£ 37 0	£ 22 0	£ 14 6
,, Suez	£ 36 0	£ 22 0	£ 13 7

Children under 3 years of age, Free; above 3 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the AGENCY OF THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 12 Meadow Street, 24th October 1871.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA and BOMBAY
on the 24th, on the 1st
of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£4	
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	Without Food.
Alexandria	39	25	9-10	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	Including Wines.
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (transshipment at Genoa)	52	35	14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.
Next Steamers from Bombay :—

PERSIA, on MONDAY, 1st January 1872.
EGITTO, on FRIDAY, 1st December 1871.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 30th September 1871.

NOTICE.—Consignees per S.S. ISPAHAN are hereby informed of the ARRIVAL of the VESSEL, and requested to TAKE DELIVERY at once of their respective GOODS.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 15th November 1871.

NOTICE to OVERLAND PASSENGERS. —Half Pints of CHAMPAGNE at Rs. 10, 13, and 16 per dozen. All Dry.

PAYNE & CO.,
ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, BOMBAY,
Immediately Opposite the Custom House.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES STREET.

WEEKLY SALE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 18th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a large quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE of Galvanized Iron Sheets, Machinery, Iron Rails, Spelter, Pickaxes, &c.

Under instruction Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will submit to Public Auction at the Apollo Bonded Warehouse, THIS DAY FRIDAY the 17th instant, the following Articles save i from the wrecked Steamer Broadalbane ex Kodabux, Tezzer, and S. S. Columbian :

431 Packages of Oilmanstores, Provisions, Galvanized Iron Sheets, Iron Safes, Pickaxes, Spelter, Iron Building Posts, Machinery, Funnels, Wheels and rails.

Particulars of which can be had on application to Messrs. Campbell, Mitchell and Co., Agents to Lloyds.

Terms Cash—Purchasers will have to pay Custom duty and clear the Goods from the above Warehouse.

Under instructions, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Carnac Bunder, on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 p.m., on account of the concerned, the following Goods saved from the wrecked Steamer "Broadalbane," ex "Tezzer" :—

50 Cases Sundries.
22 Drums Oil.

Particulars can be had on application to Messrs. Campbell, Mitchell & Co.

Terms Cash—Purchasers will have to pay Custom Duty and clear the Goods from the Warehouse.

Under instructions, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will submit to Public Auction, at the Apollo Bonded Warehouse, on TUESDAY the 21st, WEDNESDAY the 22nd, THURSDAY the 23rd, and FRIDAY the 24th instant, at 1 p. m. on each day, on account of the concerned, the following packages saved from the wrecked Steamer "Broadalbane," ex "Codabux" :—

About 951 Packages Sundries, and addressed cases of private effects. Particulars of which can be had on application to Messrs. Campbell, Mitchell & Co., Agents to Lloyds.

Terms Cash—Purchasers will have to pay Custom Duty and clear the goods from the Warehouse.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable English Walnutwood and richly open Carved Blackwood Household Furniture, handsome Plated 6, 8, 10 and 12 Light Chandeliers by Nash, valuable Clocks, first-rate Musical Boxes, large Iron Safes, rich Ornaments, &c., at Modykhana.

On WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock noon. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at his late residence, at Modykhana, by order of the Receiver and Manager of the Estate of the late Runchordass Megjee, the very valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., &c.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published, and the property be on view, 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome Household Furniture, best Plated rich Crockery and Glassware, a first-class Mahogany Grand Square Piano by Broadwood, a handsome English-built double-seated Brougham by Peters, Horses, two sets of double English Harness, Plants, &c., at No. 123, Malabar Hill.

On TUESDAY, the 12th proximo, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Piano, Carriage, Horses, &c., the property of Fraser S. Hore, Esq.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published, and the property be on view, 5 days before the day of sale.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

1 English-built Mail Phaeton, nearly new.
1 set of English double Harness, nearly new.
1 Handsome English-built Brougham, with chesnut Horse and Harness.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 17th November 1871.

M'CABE'S WATCHES.

CAUTION TO PURCHASERS.

Watches of very inferior quality NOT made by JAMES McCABE, but fraudulently marked with his name, are now being offered for sale in India and elsewhere. Purchasers are advised to exercise caution, and to buy only of respectable traders, or to remit direct by Bank draft or otherwise. Price List forwarded on application, post free.

JAMES McCABE.

32, Cornhill, London.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

THE GREATEST SUCCESS THAT HAS EVER BEEN ACHIEVED IN BOMBAY IS UNDOUBTEDLY "THE GREGORYS."

THIS EVENING, FRIDAY,
GRAND FASHIONABLE NIGHT.
A MOST ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY,
ENTIRE CHANGE, NEW ACTS, NEW FEATS,
NEW PANTOMIMES, AND THE
WONDERFUL DOGS, PONIES, AND MONKEYS.

Admission—Rs. 4, 3, 2 and 1.
Seats may be secured at Soundy & Co.'s, Fort.

THE Undersigned being advised that it is a violation of the ORDER of 29th September 1871, made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in Suit No. 545 of 1871, RUTTONVAHOO against MEGJEE PREMJEE, to carry on business in the name of HUNCHORDASS MEGJEE, withdraws the Advertisement published on 30th October last and subsequent days.

MEGJEE PREMJEE.

WOODSPEER SCHOOL,
NEWBURY, BERKS.
Principal—H. T. HABERSHON, Esq.

THE Course of Instruction comprises Religious Knowledge, Classics, Arithmetic, Mathematics, History, English Composition, French, and all the subjects of a sound education.

The School is in a most healthy situation, and has every facility for exercise and out-door recreations.

Children from India will receive from Mrs. HABERSHON a mother's care and solicitude.

For terms and other particulars apply to Mr. J. NEUBERG, Meadow Street, Bombay.

COLD SEASON.

ASQUITH AND COMPANY,
SHIRT-MAKERS,
HOSIERS, AND GENERAL OUTFITTERS,

SOLICIT inspection to their LARGE and WELL-SELECTED STOCK.

Having made extensive additions in all Departments of their Business, they are now in a position to offer for selection a choice rarely obtained in this country.

OVERLAND AND TRAVELLING KIT.

	Inches.	Cash. Rs.	Credit. Rs. a.
GENT'S OVERLAND TRUNKS—Best Japanned Canvas with strong Brass Locks. The correct Cabin Height	27	22 0	26 0
	30	25 0	28 0
	33	28 0	32 0
LADIES', with Tray, very strong, Millinery Division, and upper compartment. The best made	33	43 0	48 0
	36	45 0	50 0
SOLID LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS, with turned edges, copper Rivetsand Shirt Case and Moroccoleather pocket. Strong Lever Lock, with best Straps round	24	52 0	58 0
	26	58 0	64 0
	30	68 0	75 0
RAILWAY PORTMANTEAUS, to fit under seat. Best brown leather, wide and flat, strong Brass Lock. A very serviceable article	20	19 8	21 0
	22	22 0	25 0
	24	23 0	26 0
CASH BAGS—Morocco leather, outside paper Pocket. Strong lock, with shoulder strap passing under Bag		6 12	7 12
		7 12	8 12
RUG STRAPS—Best Bridle Leather.		2 0	2 4
SOILED LINEN BAGS—Strong canvas with Tumbler Locks		5 12	5 8
		5 12	6 8
RUGS—Alpaca and Llama, soft and light, plain and fancy colours		12 8	14 0
		18 0	20 0
TRAVELLING PILLOWS		2 0	2 8
OVERLAND CHAIRS.—Best seasoned Beechwood, cane backs and bottoms		9 8	10 0
		13 8	15 0

COLLARS.

West End			
Shakespeare	Best best Three-fold Linen.	6 0	7 0
Dux			
Full Mall			
Hay Market			
West End	With Cambric Tie for wear with Flannel Shirt.	6 8	7 8
Dux			

SHIRTS.

OXFORD CLOTH—The Genuine material, cool, shrinkless, and absorbing	each	6 8	7 8
	six	37 0	42 0
TAFFETA, remarkably convenient soft, and for comfort equal to the wear of Silk	each	6 8	7 8
	six	37 0	42 0
SILK and WOOL—Warranted shrunk, neat plain colours, and Fancy Stripes	each	9 0	10 0
	six	52 0	58 0
FLANNEL—Best Wove, Plain and Fancy Colours, thoroughly shrunk	each	8 8	9 8
	six	49 0	56 0
SPUN SILK—Neat Fancy Stripes, fast colours. The best quality	each	11 8	13 0
	six	67 0	75 0
BEST FRENCH PERCALINE, CAMBRIC, with Collar attached. Colour perfectly fast	each	28 0	31 8
PRINTED CAMBRIC; Collar attached; a good useful Shirt	six	28 0	25 0
LONGCLOTH—Best Linen Fronts, &c. A special material for India	six	28 0	31 8
LONGCLOTH, Cambric Fronts, &c.	six	22 8	25 0
DRESS—French Embroidered Fronts.	each	7 0	8 0

The above can be had ready for immediate wear or to measure FROM

ASQUITH and COMPANY.

GENTS' BANIANS.

Fine Gauze Merino	six	19 0	21 0
Superfine do	six	24 0	27 0
Fine Gauze, medium substance	six	25 0	29 0
Real India Gauze	six	39 0	35 6
	each	5 8	6 8
Stout Grey Merino for Travellers	six	31 0	37 0

GENTS' DRAWERS.

Merino, medium substance	each	6 0	7 0
	six	33 0	39 0
Grey Merino Stout for Travellers	each	5 8	6 8
	six	31 0	36 4
Gent's Bathing Drawers	each	2 0	2 4

GENTS' COTTON SOCKS,

DOUBLE FEET AND HEELS.

Fine Dressed Cotton		9 8	10 8
super do do		11 8	13 0
Fine Mixed Colours		12 8	14 0
Fine Fancy Stripes		12 8	14 0
Superfine do		16 8	18 0
Fancy Balbriggan		18 0	20 0
Lisle Thread		21 0	24 0
Super Fancy Stripes		22 8	25 0
Super Balbriggan		25 0	29 0
Best Black Silk (for Dress) per pair		7 8	8 8

GENTS' MERINO SOCKS.

Fine Mixed Merino		15 8	17 8
Super Ribbed do		13 8	18 8
Fine Fancy Stripes		18 8	2 0
Super do		20 0	22 0
Best Super		22 0	25 0

HATS,

LINCOLN BENNETT & CO.'S

Best Dress Hats		14 0	16 0
Best Drab Felt		11 8	13 0
Dress Hats, very light		12 8	14 0
Drab Felt		8 8	10 0

STIFF BLACK FELT—THE NEW SHAPES.

Harrogate, London		6 8	7 8
Napier, Cantab		6 8	7 8
Ism, Brighton		6 8	7 0
Egerton (High Flat Top)		7 0	8 0

SOFT TOP—STIFF BRIM.

Cambridge, Napier		6 8	7 8
Blenheim, Ism		6 8	7 8
Tweed Hats		5 0	6 0
Tweed Caps		5 8	6 8
Scotch Caps		5 0	6 0

HELMETS.

White Regulation Helmets		14 8	16 0
Extra quality ditto		16 0	18 0
White Shooting Helmets	Low	13 8	15 0
Extra quality ditto	Crown	16 0	18 0
Full Pith Shooting Helmets		28 0	31 8
Full Dress White Helmets, with best gilt spike and chain		29 0	32 0
		31 0	35 0

ASQUITH and COMPANY,
22, APOLLO STREET,
OPPOSITE THE SECRETARIATE, BOMBAY.

Mofussil orders must be accompanied with a remittance.

PATTERNS AND CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship LOCHLOMOND, Lieutenant C. Grey, R. N. R., Commander, ARRIVED from CALCUTTA, are requested to PAY FREIGHT to us and SEND OFF BOATS for their CARGO at once; all ready Goods for which Boats are not alongside will be landed by us at Consignee's risk and expense.

RENNIE, SCOVELL, & Co.,
Agents for Ship Lochlomond.

Bombay, 9th November 1871.

HOMEWARD PASSENGERS
VIA BOMBAY.

PASSAGES to SUEZ and EUROPE engaged and BAGGAGE Received and Shipped.

PAY and FUND ALLOWANCES realized.

CIRCULAR NOTES issued payable in EGYPT and throughout EUROPE.

BANK of ENGLAND NOTES, SOVEREIGNS, and NAPOLEONS supplied.

BILLS GRANTED on MESSRS. GRINDLAY AND CO., LONDON, at the EXCHANGE of the DAY.

APPROVED DRAFTS on CALCUTTA and MADRAS, on demand, and GOVERNMENT CURRENCY NOTES of any Circle of Payment received at par.

GRINDLAY, GROOM, AND CO.,
BOMBAY.

Correspondents.
GRINDLAY & Co., London. GRINDLAY & Co., Calcutta.

NOTICES.

BURRA KHUBBER.

DAVE CARSON SAHIB KA PUCKA TUMASHA ANNAI CHATA HI.

BUS.—SALAAM!

NOTICE.—The POWER of ATTORNEY granted to Mr. WILLIAM JOHN ESSAI on the 2nd May 1870 is CANCELLED from THIS DAY.

J. NEUBERG.

Bombay, 11th November 1871.

NOTICE.—The INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. GILBERT MACLEOD STEWART in our FIRM CEASED THIS DAY.

REMINGTON & Co.

Bombay, 13th November 1871.

MOFUSSIL COMPANY (Limited).—TENDERS are INVITED for the SUPPLY of GUNNIES to the different Factories of this Company during the coming Cotton Season.—For particulars apply to

JAMES MELVILLE,
General Manager.

Bombay, 15th November 1871.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Under instructions received from the Directors of the Company, we beg to intimate that we are now PREPARED to accept RISKS AGAINST FIRE on GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, for periods not exceeding SEVEN YEARS, at materially reduced rates of Premium.

Further particulars may be obtained on application.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 15th November 1871.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of RUPEES FIFTEEN (Rs. 15) equivalent of £1-10 PER SHARE, being at the rate of TWELVE PER CENT. PER ANNUM on the Capital Stock of the Corporation, for the half-year ending 30th June 1871, WILL BE PAID, at this Office, to the SHAREHOLDERS in India, on and after the 20th instant.

The Transfer Books here will be closed from this date to the 20th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. MOIR, Agent.

Bombay, 15th November 1871.

REDUCED RATES.

FIRE INSURANCE.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

The Undersigned GRANT POLICIES for 1, 3 and 4 months, on WAREHOUSES and SHOPS and GOODS therein at REDUCED RATES.

FINLAY, SCOTT, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 6th November 1871.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Undersigned begs to notify that he has RETURNED to BOMBAY and RESUMED CHARGE of the Office of AGENT of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company from MONDAY, the 13th inst.

H. P. LeMESURIER.

Company's Offices, Bombay, 15th November 1871.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of any, or all, of the undermentioned STORES required by the Company, for 12 months, from the 1st January 1872, viz :—

Best Dungaree Cloth, 18 inches wide,	Best Coir, loose and in yarn,
Best Bengal Twine, in hanks.	Best Cane or Rattan,
Best Gon Brooms, each weighing 20 oz.,	Best Basket, made of Cane and Bamboos,
Best Country Soap,	Best Hair Cumblies and Dabbes,
Best Boss Wax,	Best Cotton Waterproof Umbrella for Sepoys,
Best Country Sealing Wax (red),	Best Wheaten Flour for Paste,
Best Gum Arabic, picked,	Best Coal Tar,
Best Cuttle Fish, whole pieces,	Best Tables and Chairs,
Best Country Salt,	Best Boxes for various descriptions,
Best Charcoal, from Babool-wood, and sifted, &c.,	Notice Boards, &c.,

Samples may be seen, and form of Tender obtained, together with information as to the probable quantities required, &c., on application at the Storekeeper's Office, Byculla.

As Tenders may be made for the whole or for the supply of separate articles, the Company shall be at liberty to select one from any Tender, without reference to other Tenders on the same Tender. No notice will be taken of any Tender unless accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 2,500 in cash or Government Paper as a guarantee of the good faith of the Tenderer.

Persons whose Tenders shall be accepted will be required to enter into a Contract, and find Security equal to 5 per cent. upon the estimated aggregate value of the articles to be supplied by them.

Sealed Tenders, which must specify the rates for delivery at Stores Depot, Byculla, will be received by the Agent, at the Company's Offices, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, up to noon on WEDNESDAY, the 6th December next.

The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

W. WARDEN MORICE, Storekeeper.

Storekeeper's Office, Byculla, 6th November 1871.

TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent of Marine, up to 1 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, for the CONVEYANCE hence to the Andamans of about FORTY-SEVEN NATIVE CONVICTS with proportionate number of Native Warders and Military Guard and one Subordinate Medical Officer, for which latter Officer a cabin passage and first class rations must be provided.

2. Fifty days' provisions, water, firewood, with such cooking utensils, drinking pots, plates and other articles as may be necessary for their use and comforts during the voyage, as well as a sufficient number of Cooks for cooking the food of the Convicts and Guard, also Topasses or Sweepers to maintain cleanliness on board for the whole of the above party, and fittings for Convicts only, are to be supplied by the Owners, Agents, or Masters of the Vessels, the provisions put on board being subject after shipment to the inspection of, and to rejection by, the Executive Commissariat Officer at the Presidency.

3. Medicines and medical comforts will be provided by the Medical Department, the cost of which is to be borne by the Owners, Agents, or Masters of the Vessel.

4. Any surpl

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

SHARE MARKET dull. Spinning shares declining. Land and Bank shares steady. Government Paper flat.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nomi. value ₹ sh.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	4 p.ct.	Agra Bank	87
22,500	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,400 nl.
10,000	500	all	6 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	680
10,000	500	100	9 p.ct.	Do 2nd Res. Issue	185
15,256	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,400
10,000	250	all	4 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	270
40,000	281	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 nl.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	150
37,000	250	125	Nil.	National Bank of India	89
16,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	475

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	2,000	all	Rs. 73	Colaba Land Co	1,320
9,000	150	all		Freo Land & Fiber Co. Ld	132
750	2,000	2,000	Nil.	Mazagon Land	865
6,000	1,000	all	Nil.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	370

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	225ps	Akbar Cotton Press Co	2,150
200	2,000	1,100	75do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	940
250	2,000	850	Nil.	Alexandria Press Co	3 0
150	12,000	11,000	200do.	Apollo Press Co	7,000
200	2, 00	all	210do.	Bombay Press Co	1,950
200	500	all	80ps.	Do New	480
100	1,500	all	...	Carwar Company	800
500	1,850	all	40 "	Colaba Press Co	6,300
250	2,000	all	200 ps	East India Press Co	3,100
150	8,500	all	1000 "	Fort Press Co	9,000
200	2,000	1,800	30 ps	Framji Cowasji Press Co	1,015
250	6,000	6,000	225 ps	Hydrauilic Press Co	2,375
250	5,000	1,467	75 ps	Imperial Press Co	1,125
200	5,000	2,000	100 ps	Kurrachee Press Co	860
2,000	400	250	60 ps	Mofussil Press & G. Co	520
120	2,500	all	250 ps	Prince of Wales Press	2,350
150	2,000	all	Nil.	Tinnevelly Press Co	1,000
245	2,000	1,000	250 "	Victoria Press, Madras	1,000

Per share for the half-year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co	1,500
600	1,250	all	Nil.	Alexandra Spinning	1,325
500	2,500	all	300*	Alliance Spinning	2,600
100	3,5-0	all	...	Bombay	2,600
900	1,000	all	50*	Bombay United	985
3,600	150	150	25*	Broach Mills	23
750	2,000	all		Dhurumsey Spinning	2,700
750	2,000	all	250 ps	Great Eastern	2,100
2,500	1,000	all	100	Manockji Petit	1,080
300	1,0.0	all	Nil.	Morarjee Spinning	980
800	2,500	all	125*	Oriental	2,600
600	2,500	2,400	215 ps	Royal	1,900

* Per share for the half-year

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	75 ps	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	900
50,000	50	all	4½ p.ct.	Bombay this Company	55
500	2,000	300	21 ps	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	175
1,000	50	all	2 ps.	Mechanics D'Fd'g Co.	31 x. d.
2,000	500	all	10 ps	Treacher & Co	380
3,000	250	all	6 ps.	Viegas Patent Slip Co	85

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'dation.		
.....	500	95	Jan. '66	Bank of Bombay	14
.....	93	194	...	Do. China	1
.....	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank	1
.....	...	...	...	East India Bank	1
.....	200	143	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	1
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal Bank	2

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the Week ending 11th Nov. 1871.

Open 326½ Miles.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	37,760	8	8
Merchandize	50,070	12	8
Electric Telegraph	412	0	0
Total Rs.	88,243	0	4

Corresponding week in November, 1870.

Open 312 Miles.

Coaching	39,522	14	9
Merchandize	44,627	12	11
Earth Trains	6,185	10	0
Electric Telegraph	333	13	0
Total Rs.	90,672	2	8
Decrease	2,429	2	4

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

OFFICE—16TH NOVEMBER, 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 13th November, 5-10 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 35 minutes.

Via Turkey, 15th November, 4-50 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 21 ho. 20 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 16th November, 11-40 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 13 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Turkey, 15th November, 11-50 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 6 hours 45 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 16th November, 12-17 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 38 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 15th to 9 P.M. of the 16th November is as follows:—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min
From Calcutta	6 42	0 6
" Galle	16 40	3 15
" Kurrachee	0 50	0 9
" Madras	0 20	0 5

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 16th Nov., 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 13th Nov., 5-30 P.M.; via Turkey, 15th Nov., 7-27 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 15th Nov., 6 P.M.; via Turkey, 15th Nov., 11-50 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Fera; Persian line right to London.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—16TH NOVEMBER.

London	Cotton	£2 15s. Nom.
	Cases	£2 15s.
	Seeds	£2 7s. 6d. to £2 10s.
	Iron Ships Cotton	£2 7s. 6d.
Liverpool	Wooden Ships	£2 7s. 0d.
	Myrabolens & Colr bdls	£1 10s. 0d.
	Seeds	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 2s. 6d.
Havre	Cotton	No ship.
	Coffee	
Overland	Steamers	£2 17s. 6d. to £3 0s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 17s. 6d. to £3 2s. 6d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 8 to 9 per bale.
	" Opium	Rs. 750 to 800 per chest
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 6 per bale
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 4 0 0 per ton
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 29 and Calcutta Port charges
Mauritius		8 annas to 10 p. bag nominal.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
16	Kurrachee (s)	Scott	Kurrachee. Nov. 11.
	Lady Nyassa (s)	Nacoda	Surat. Nov. 14.
	Birmingham	Durham	Shicids, June 17.
	Zephyrus	Dennies	Rangoon, Sept. 8.

DEPARTURE.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	M. M. Peter	Grentorex	Madras.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—

Steamer Tanjore, to Aden and Suez.
Steamer Malacca, to China, &c.
Steamer Travancore, to China, &c.
Steamer Kurrachee, to Kurrachee.
Steamer Sir Bartle Frere, to Malabar Coast.

HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.		
13	Penang	Dickenson ...Moulmein, Nov. 5.
	Fortune	Taylor ...Liverpol, July 21.
	Tennyson	Graves ...Liverpool, July 31.
	Glencora	Scoble ...Bombay, Oct. 11.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Nov.		
11	Marpisia	Melbourne.

DEPARTURES.

Nov.		
11	Viceroy (s)	Calcutta.
12	Apollos	Calcutta.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 16th Nov., 8-55 A.M.—Mail steamer from China signalled.

DAILY IMPORTS.—16TH NOVEMBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Stephenson, s., 15 bales canvas, F. Nowrojee; 8 bales hemp rope, Landing and Shipping Agency.
Bivouac, s., 5 casks and 3 cases glassware, H. Sorabjee.

FROM LONDON.

British Monarch, 37 cases oilmanstores, 6 cases salt, 3 cases confectionery, and 3 packages hardware. The L. A. and A. Co.; 46 cases oilmanstores, V. Essajee; 150 cases gin, M. Cooverjee & Co.; 1,00 cases old tom, E. R. Mody; 250 kegs iron nail, H. Bonasjee.
Roodee, 35 cases champagne, 50 cases sherry, and 10 cases claret, Cutler, Palmer, & Co.
Medea, 155 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer, & Co.
M. M. Peter, 25 cases old tom, D. Sorabjee & Co.
Jumna, 3 casks earthenware, W. B. Nowrungay.
Dallam Tower, 100 cases old tom, Nowrojee and Cursetjee.
Saladin, 20 bales canvas, Edward Bates & Co.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Marie Gabrielle, 80 cases cognac, J. Neuburg.

DAILY EXPORTS.—16TH NOVEMBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Eastern Belle, 46 bales cotton, M. Jamsetjee; 40 bales cotton, N. Khuttao.
Victoria Cross, 106 bales cotton, A. Lalljee; 50 bales cotton, M. B. Touche, & Co.; 20 bales cotton, L. Mooljee; 540 bales cotton, G. Shamjee; 50 bales cotton, S. Narroinjee; 80 bales cotton' L. Ramdyall.
Rodewater, s., 90 casks cocoanut oil, N. Jewraj; 1 bale cotton, D. Veerjee.
Mongolia, s., 39 bales hides and skins, S. O. A. T. N. Meera & Co.; 8 bales cotton, N. Soomberjee; 50 bales wool, D. Gopejee; 7 bales hides, N. J. Moola.
Stephenson, s., 41 boxes hingda, G. H. Fazul & Co.; 400 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 200 bales coir yarn, J. P. Cornforth & Co.
British Monarch, 1,000 bundles gails, S. Vagjee; 6,000 bundles coir yarn, M. Munjee.
Tanjore, s., 100 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR LONDON.

Mongolia, s, 29 bales hides, A. Habibhoy; 218 bags coffee, M. B. Touche, & Co.; 20 bales hides, P. Assor; 32 case curdamoms, S. Mooljee; 16 cases indigo, M. Luckmeedass; 51 boxes tea, Sir Charles Forbes & Co,

FOR ODESSA.

Mongolia, s, 100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Travancore, s, 27 bundles horns, L. Rajubally; 36 bundles sharkfins and 14 bundles fishmaws, G. Sonjee; 250 bundles sharkfins, M. Gangjee.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—NOVEMBER 16.

Manners, Conductor, Bengal Public Works Department, on duty, from England.
Wheeler, Lieutenant, Bengal Staff Corps, on leave, from Erinpoora.
Lane, Captain, Royal Artillery, on leave, from England.
Latour, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on leave, from Kohat.
Trotter, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on duty, from Poona.
Douglas, Major, 21st Madras N. I., on furlough, from Jubbulpore.

DEPARTURES.—NOVEMBER 16.

Neill, Assistant Surgeon, Madras Medical Staff, to join, to Secundrabad.
Gordon, Assistant Surgeon, 2-24th Fusiliers, to join, to Madras.
Playfair, Colonel, Royal Engineers, on duty, to Surat.
Radcliffe, Colonel, 3rd Madras Cavalry, to join, to Saugor.
Walsh, Major, 8th Regiment, to join, to Ahmedabad.
Browne, Assistant Apothecary, Madras Medical Department, on duty, to Madras.
Pfolliott, Assistant Surgeon, 20th Hussars, to join, to Umballa.
Kerr, Captain, Bengal 1-3rd Regiment, to join, to Benares.
Pierce, Major, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, to join, to Malligaum.
Wyndham, Captain, 83rd Regiment, to join, to Poona.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(Bombay Government Gazette, Nov. 16.)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officer is allowed furlough to Europe for one year, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1859:—

Depy Inspr Genl of Hospitals, E Mahaffy, M.D, Indian Medical Service.

The undermentioned officer is allowed furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1859:—

Vety Surg G Kettlewell, Stud Dept, Bengal Establishment.

Sergt Thomas Taylor, attached to the Gun Powder Factory, Kirkee, is promoted to the rank of Sub-Condr, Supernumerary, in the Ordnance Dept, with effect from the 18th May 1871.

Surg Maj T B Johnstone, M.D, is appointed to act as Depy Inspr Genl of Hospitals during Dr. Thom's absence on leave.

Staff Asst Surg J M Waters is brought on the strength of H M's British Forces in this Presidency, from the 1st inst, the date of his arrival at Bombay.

General Order No 699, dated 18th Oct 1871, admitting Ens H A Vincent, H M's 56th Foot, to the Bombay S C, is cancelled.

The following officer, having applied for admission to the Staff Corps, under the provisions of para 5 of G O G I No 851, dated 27th June 1864, is appointed to the Bombay S C from the date specified opposite his name, subject to the approval of H M's Secy of State for India:—

Ens John Grant, 2nd Bat 12th Foot, Offg Qrmr 27th N I, 22nd Sept 1870.

Ens John Grant to have the rank of Lt from the 22nd Sept 1870, in accordance with para 84 of the Amalgamation Order, subject to H M's approval.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Lt Col W C Parr, Acting Political Supt Pahlunpoor, has been allowed privilege leave of absence for ten days.

The Right Hon the Govr in Council is pleased to recognize Mr Johannes Brandenburg as Acting Consul in Bombay for the Austrian Hungarian Govt, during the absence of Mr A C Gumpert.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr E L Anderson, Acting Asst District Supt of Police, Korrachee, is allowed leave, on medical certificate, for a period of one month.

Mr. V S FitzGerald is re-appointed to act as Second Asst District Supt of Police, Khandeish.

Rao Saheb Mookoond Balajee to be second class, third grade, Subordinate Judge at Dubeewara, in the Sattara District.

Rao Saheb Wasoodeo Nilkunt to be second class, third grade, Subordinate Judge at Tasgaum, in the Sattara District.

The Hon Mr A R Scoble and Mr J S White respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Advocate General at Bombay on the 13th inst.

Capt H Phillips and Lt.Col H R Hathway respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Cantonment Magistrate at Deesa on the 1st inst, before office hours.

Messrs C J Mayhew and the Hon A R Scoble respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Remembrancer of Legal Affairs on the 13th inst.

Messrs H Birdwood and R West respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Registrar on the Appellate Side of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay, on the 13th inst, before office hours.

Mr A M Macpherson assumed charge of the office of Joint Judge and Session Judge of Tanna on the 9th inst, before noon, and made the necessary declaration of office as required by Bombay Act VI. of 1866.

Under Act XIII. of 1859, the Right Hon the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W W Loch, Mag F P in the Khandeish District, to exercise the powers vested in a Magistrate of Police by the said Act.

The Right Hon the Govr in Council is pleased to confer upon Anna Venayek Ramchundra, Mahalkurry of Petta Moolshee, the powers of a Mamlutdar under Bombay Act V. of 1864.

Mr Dinkur Dhondeo Datar assumed charge of the Subordinate Judge's Court at Nundoorbar, in the Khandeish District, on the 4th inst, at 10 A.M, and made the necessary declaration of office as required by Bombay Act VI. of 1866.

Rao Bahadoor Mukunrai Muniral, First Class Subordinate Judge at Surat, was in charge of the current duties of the Judge's office at Surat from 19th to 22nd June 1870, both days inclusive.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Lt A H Mayhew acted as second class Depy Collr and Mag in Sind from 14th Dec 1869 to 15th March 1870, both days inclusive.

Mr R M Lambert, Depy Collr in Sind, having reported his arrival at Kurrachee on the 12th ult, the unexpired portion of the 18 months' leave allowed to him from the 30th July 1870, is cancelled.

Mr W M Fletcher, Asst Supt Rev Sur and Assmt, Poona and Nasick, having returned to his duties on the 24th Oct 1871, the unexpired portion of the two months' privilege leave granted him, as per Notification dated 29th Aug 1871, is cancelled, viz, from the 24th Oct to 3rd Nov 1871.

Mr H D E Forbes, Supg Depy Collr in Sind, has been appointed Supy Asst Supt in the Gujarat Rev Sur from the 4th Oct 1871.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

The Hon S Mansfield, C S I, Member of the Council of H E the Govr, returned to duty on the 12th inst, from the leave of absence for six months granted to him under date the 15th Apl 1871.

In supersession of the Notification dated the 12th July last, it is hereby notified that Asst Surg James Arnott, M D, performed the duties of Civil Surg, Poona, from the 28th April to 26th May 1871, both days inclusive, in addition to his own.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officers have been allowed by H M's Principal Secy of State for India, extensions of leave for the periods specified:—

Covenanted.

Mr W A East, for six months, on sick certificate.

Uncovenanted.

Mr H M Grant, Depy Supt Rev Sur and Assmt, Bombay, for three months, on sick certificate.

The undermentioned officers have been permitted by the Secy of State to return to their duties:—

Covenanted.

Mr W Salmon, by expiration of his leave.
The Hon E W Ravenscroft, ditto.
Mr W Woodward, on 30th Sept 1871.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr P Reynolds, Asst Engr, second grade, has passed the Departmental Examination laid down in para 12, chap I., of the Public Works Code.

Mr R B Duncan resumed charge of his duties as Depy Controller of P W Accounts from Lt LeBreton on the forenoon of the 2nd Nov 1871.

Lt A Awdry, RE, has been appointed to act as Ex Engr, Lower and Central Sind.

Lt. Awdry received charge of the office of Ex Engr, Lower and Central Sind, from Capt T F Dowden, RE, on the forenoon of the 24th Oct 1871.

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Mr W R Brooke received charge on the morning of the 1st Nov of the office of Supt of Telegraphs, Bom Div, from Mr J H Lane.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Rev W H Cummins, M-A, Chaplain of the Fort, Belgaum, has been granted privilege leave for one month, from the 2nd inst.

The Rev H H Pace, of the Camp Church, Belgaum, will act for Mr Cummins, during the period of his absence.

The Rev W Jones, having returned from furlough on the 28th Oct last, has been placed at the disposal of the Right Rev the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for general duty at the Presidency.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Right Hon the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr J N C Bayly, late Purser I N, to act as Accountant in the Dockyard, Bombay, during the absence of Mr Ford, who has proceeded to England on medical certificate.

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE REVENUE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Northern Division.

Mr Douglas Bennett, District Inspr of Police, Tanna, is allowed an extension of 15 days' leave without pay, from the 15th inst.

Messrs John Edwards and F L Charles respectively delivered over and received charge of the Sudder Station Huzoor Treasury of Khandeish in the afternoon of the 18th inst.

Messrs M C Entee and Oomedram Runchordass respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of the Huzoor Depy Collr of Broach in the afternoon of the 16th inst.

Messrs J A G Duff and J L Johnston respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of the Collr and Mag of Colaba in the forenoon of the 24th Oct 1871.

Azum Venayek Wassoodeo, Mahalkurry of Petta Mokhada, is appointed Probationary Mamlutdar of Bassein talooka.

Azum Wamnajee Bapoojee, Mamlutdar of Bassein, is appointed Mamlutdar of Moorbar talooka.

Southern Division.

Mr J Edwards, Hoozoor Depy Collr, Sholapoor, assumed charge of his office on the 1st inst in the forenoon.

PCSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.		Mail closes.		After packet.
United Kingdom	Nov. 18	...	2 P.M.	...	3 P.M.
Kurrachee	" 20	...	11 A.M.	...	
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee	" 27	...	11 A.M.	...	
China	" 23	...	9 A.M.	...	10 A.M.
Australia	" 23	...	9 A.M.	...	10 A.M.
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.	Dec. 2	...	2 P.M.	...	3 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mails per P. and O. Co.'s Steam-packets are closed at the General Post Office at 2 P.M.

The after-packet at 3 P.M.

After-packet letters are not forwarded unless a four annas stamp is affixed to the letter in addition to the postage.

Registered letters are received at the General Post Office until 1 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices is 1-30 P.M.

Late letters are received at the Pier Post Office till 4-30 P.M.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1871. The hour of the steamer's departure is 5-30 P.M.:—

Saturday	...November	... 18	Saturday	...December	... 16
Do	... do	... 25	Do	... do	... 23
Do	... December	... 2	Do	... do	... 30
Do	... do	... 9			

MAILS TO MAURITIUS.

Letters, &c., for Mauritius, Reunion, &c., will be forwarded on the following dates from Bombay to Aden, to be thence conveyed by the French Mail Packets to destinations:—

Saturday	... December	... 2	Saturday ... December ... 30

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

REDUCTION IN THE TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

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Three Months "	" 14	... " 16	" 21
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THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

IN the beginning of January the size of this Paper will be altered to that of the *Pall Mall Budget*.

Residents in distant parts of India will find the *Gazette Summary* a convenient Weekly Paper of Bombay and general news. It contains all the Government Orders, Civil and Military, from the official *Gazettes*, specially-written Money and Commercial Market and Freight Reports, Leading Articles on the principal topics of disoussion in India, and all the Local and General Intelligence of the Week. The Edition for Indian Subscribers also contains the Telegrams received from Europe during the Week. Annual Subscription, POST FREE, to any part of India, Rs. 12.

Bombay Gazette Office, September 1, 1871.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

DENSO—October 8th, at Dresden (Saxony), the wife of Albert E. Denso, Esq., formerly of Kurrachee, of a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

GORDON—November 2nd, at Dumagudiem, the wife of Mr. W. R. P. Gordon, of a son.
POTTER—November 5th, in camp at Michaelgunge, Oudh, the wife of Dr. Potter, 17th Bengal Cavalry, of a son.

DEATHS.

CRANENBURGH—November 13th, at Calcutta, of fever caught at Hooghly, Maylark 1 baylair, the beloved son of Mrs. P. M. Cranenburgh, aged 3 years and 5 months.
SAVAGE—November 2nd, at Rangoo, Lydia Savage, daughter of J. Savage, Esq., late Extra Assistant Commissioner of Bassein District, aged 11 years and 8 months.

The Bombay Gazette.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1871.

THE proceedings at yesterday's meeting of the Bench of Justices are completely dwarfed in importance by the Resolution of censure which the Government of Bombay has passed on Mr. Crawford's administration of Municipal affairs. Copies of this Resolution, fresh from the printing press, were brought down to the Town Hall and circulated among the Justices yesterday afternoon; and the sensation it created may be imagined. Having at last made up its mind to disavow all those acts of the late Municipal Commissioner which plunged the finances of the city into confusion, the Government has censured Mr. Crawford in no measured language; and we suppose it would be difficult to find a parallel in official records for the severity with which "the extreme improvidence and recklessness of "many of his proceedings, and the culpable dis-"regard exhibited by him to the restraints in-"cidental to his position as the custodian "and administrator of public property of great "value, and the dispenser of large public re-"venues," are now condemned. His Excellency in Council declares that it is only the lucky accident of Mr. Crawford's illness which has saved him from dismissal, and that, had the Commissioner not resigned his appointment and gone to Europe, he would have been formally removed from office. The criticisms to which the Government has now given its sanction do not differ in substance from those which we have passed in these columns on Mr. Crawford's career as Municipal Commissioner; but, when His Excellency in Council speaks of his "*surprise* and "displeasure at the state of affairs which has been "brought to light," we are constrained to remark that this confession of ignorance comes with a very bad grace from a Governor who had for years been repeatedly and earnestly invited to make himself familiar with the state of affairs in the capital of his Presidency. The censure conveyed in the Resolution is just, but it comes too late to save Sir Seymour Fitzgerald and Mr. Tucker from the blame of having been blind partisans of Mr. Crawford, and of being therefore jointly responsible with him for the maladministration which they now unite with him in lamenting. That, however, is a matter for the Bombay Government to settle with the Government of India and the Secretary of State. What concerns us more nearly is that its present fit of repentance seems to be sincere, and that the scheme of Municipal reorganisation sketched out in the concluding paragraphs of the Resolution is creditable to the Government, and worthy of the attentive consideration and support of the Bench. For the first time, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald has roused himself to speak to the citizens of Bombay frankly and with clear good sense on the question which has during six months of ceaseless agitation absorbed all their thoughts and energies; and he will, we think, find the majority of the Justices and the ratepayers disposed to let bygones be bygones, and to meet him in that spirit of "cordial co-operation" which he invites, in order to "provide "the city with an administration which, while "being approved of by Government, will com-"mand the confidence of the public." May their labours be crowned with success! must be the prayer of every one who desires to see peace restored to this distracted city.

LAST month we remarked on the inevitable tendency which exists to a separation of the Revenue and Judicial Services, showing how the course advocated bears the high authority of Colonel Chesney, how the system is already in force in the Bombay Presidency, but how, if the system is to be carried out in its full integrity, certain conditions laid down by Colonel Chesney should be rigidly enforced by the Bombay Government. The *Indian Daily News*, in its issue of the 2nd instant, admitted the tendency we referred to, but objected, or rather brought forward a point deserving notice, namely, that all the prizes of the Service lie in the Executive line, and that this fact, coupled with the fact that the best intellects are those with which is associated the ambition to exercise real power, would lead up to the inference that officers in the Judicial Department will be found to be inferior to their brethren in the Revenue Service. The argument may be entitled to much weight on the lucky Bengal side, where members of the Covenanted Civil Service have a chance of becoming Satraps and Governors, but, in this less fortunate Presidency, the prizes open to the Service are but few. And, as to intellectual abilities, it is a fact not to be gainsaid, that two or three of our Civilians, who are renowned not less for their conspicuous abilities, than for the quick promotion they have earned, are men who have bid adieu to the "ambition to exercise real power," and have accepted the toils and drudgery of the Judicial Department. On the other hand, if the Bombay Civil Service were polled, no doubt a large majority would say that a seat in the High Court is not to be compared with the several Commissionerships, Political, and Extraordinary appointments, which are filled up from the Revenue Department alone. And though that sarcastic sympathy is so objectionable, which is sometimes to be met with in Revenue officers for their "weak brother" who has entered the Judicial Department (like the "Trinity man" at Cambridge, who, when asked about the men at the other Colleges, remarked, "They too are God's creatures,")—and though the *a priori* reasoning may be so wrong, which infers an inferior intellect in a Judicial officer, still the fact of the existence of such a feeling should not be lost sight of. A bad Assistant Collector does harm in a district, but not so much as a bad Assistant Judge. Injury done by the Subordinate Revenue officer is capable of correction, but the injury done by a wrong decision come to by an Assistant Judge, either through ignorance or incompetence, remains often without a remedy, because there is no appeal, or because the parties are unable to take the case up to a higher Court. How necessary is it, then, that great care should be taken in the selection of Assistant Judges, and that such advantages should be offered, so that the Judicial Department may be considered a prize, and not a "refuge for the destitute"! By these remarks we do not in the least wish to reflect upon the present body of Assistant Judges. Indeed, it is on this point that we are altogether at issue with the writer of those articles in the *Times of India*, to which we referred in our former article on this subject, and which since then we have had the pleasure of reading again, collected as they are in the form of a pamphlet. The argument of the writer in question is hard to follow. His great object is to vindicate the Subordinate Judges of the Presidency from the charge of incompetence and corruption. One of his chief means for doing this is by showing that a large percentage of cases decided by the Subordinate Judge on merits are confirmed after scrutiny by a superior Court of Appeal. How, argues he, can the Subordinate Judges be considered incompetent? And yet he immediately proceeds to demolish part of the bridge which has carried him over the torrent of his opponent's charges! Not content with vindicating the Subordinate Judge, he assails the Assistant Judges. This is what he says—"It is found that nearly 80 per cent. of their work (*i. e.*, of the Courts of Appeal) consists chiefly in confirming the correctness of the work done by the Courts of the first instance. And, when we look to the qualifications of the majority of those who preside in these Mofussil Appellate Courts, we find the explanation of this curious state of things. For the most part they are young men, many of them about twenty-five, who, without any acquaintance with original civil work, are at once deputed to preside over these Courts, after a year or two spent in the discharge of revenue and magisterial duties. Presiding over these Courts with but imperfect knowledge of the language, and seldom able to read the original documents themselves, it is not to be wondered at that the number of confirmations is so large, and well-grounded reversals are so few and far between."

This is equivalent to saying, See how competent the Subordinate Judges are, when so many of their decisions are confirmed; and yet this is not to be wondered at when we see how incompetent the majority of the confirming authorities are! We cannot admire the pamphleteer's logic. And his argument is incorrect. He says that his remarks do not apply to the District Judges and the Senior Assistant Judges. They therefore must apply to the Assistant Judges. How seven Assistant Judges form a *majority* of the twenty-one officers who sit in the Mofussil Appellate Courts we are unable to understand. Again, as to their imperfect knowledge of the language, and their seldom being able to read the original documents themselves, we find, on referring to the Civil List, that the seven Assistant Judges have all passed in the vernacular of the Court in which they severally sit. Why officers, who have passed examinations in a vernacular, in which it is necessary to converse and to read documents fluently, should lose all their knowledge at a time when one would naturally suppose that it would be increased by daily practice,—why this should happen,—is best known to the critic whose remarks we are now noticing. Perhaps he suspects that his opponent of the *Law Magazine* is an Assistant Judge, and he has therefore thrown much dirt, in the hopes that some mud may stick.

We have not at hand the article in the *Law Magazine*, and cannot, therefore, examine the grounds on which the writer seeks to establish against the Subordinate Judges the charges of incompetence and corruption. But, from what we can learn of judicial administration in the Mofussil, the charge seems far too general. No doubt among the older hands there may be found some, whose experience tends rather to stagnation than to progress: they could be well spared, and by degrees they are being weeded out of the list. There may be some also, whom common native report accuses of being fond of the gold that perisheth, and perhaps, where there is much smoke, some fire may be found; but take the Subordinate Judges as a body, and ask the opinion of their superiors with whom they are continually brought in contact on their work, and we have no doubt whatever what the verdict will be. We do not assert our conviction by referring to antiquated High Court Circulars, or by abusing another class of Judicial Officers, but we appeal to the general experience of those authorities who must be well acquainted with Subordinate Judges' work, and to public opinion. There is no class of officials amongst whom the standard of efficiency has received such a marked rise of late years as the Subordinate Judicial Department of this Presidency.

One great reform indeed is needed, and that is to improve the standard and pay of the writers and bailiffs who work under the Subordinate Judges. At present the good of an efficient Subordinate Judge is all but neutralised by the ignorant and ill-paid staff with which he has often to work. The subject is too long to enter into detail at present, but it is a fact which, alas! is admitted by everyone who is acquainted with the Mofussil Courts.

The pamphleteer, whose articles first appeared in the *Times of India*, has invited fair criticism. It may not be unfair to point out that, in culling from the Civil List for 1870 the sixteen Subordinate Judges' Courts in Guzerat, and the fourteen in the Carnatic, he has omitted to count the Small Cause Courts which exist in those divisions; but, in arriving at the number of the Subordinate Courts in our six Maharashtra districts, he must have counted the Small Cause Courts at Poona and Ahmednuggur, otherwise the total of fifty-three is inexplicable. The same with the statistics as to the District Courts. The writer in question says—"There are five District and Assistant or Joint Judges in Guzerat and the Carnatic each, while there are only eleven of these officers for the Maharashtra districts, who have thus double work thrown upon them." We suppose the writer was still quoting from the Civil List for 1870. But a reference to that work shows that there were four of the officers in question in Guzerat, four in the Carnatic, and thirteen in the Maharashtra districts. If our memory serves us rightly, that statement is not quite correct. The proportion was, and is now, Guzerat five, Carnatic four, and Maharashtra twelve, which is different from the statistics we are criticising. Besides, it is notoriously unfair to argue from such statistics that the officers in the Maharashtra districts have double work thrown upon them. It is absurd to judge simply from the original suits filed in the subordinate Courts of each district. The appeal file is what should be looked at, and then it should be considered whether there are Small Cause Courts in the district, and whether there are many original suits filed in the District Court.

BOMBAY.

SMALL CAUSES COURT.—Rao Bahadoor Muddun Shrikrustnajee assumed charge of his office as Acting Fourth Judge of the Small Causes Court yesterday.

HIGH COURT.—Mr. Raymond West, who acted as a Judge of the High Court during the absence of the Hon. Mr. Justice Lloyd, reverts to his appointment as Registrar of the High Court.

VEHAR LAKE.—The height of water in Vehar Lake on Saturday last was 46 feet 4 tenths; while at the corresponding period last year the water in the lake measured 55 feet 6 tenths.

RICHARD LATHAM AND OTHERS v. GORDHUNDAS MOOLJEE.—This case, which was partly heard at the High Court last short causes day, was adjourned till next Tuesday by arrangement of parties.

STATEMENT OF SILVER BALANCE IN THE MINT.—Value of silver in the Mint on the morning of the 6th November 1871, Rs. 26,71,696. Add, silver received during the week, Rs. 19,071—total, Rs. 26,90,767.

A CASE FOR THE SESSIONS.—A Hindoo woman named Sye was yesterday committed by Mr. Cooper to stand her trial at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the High Court, on a charge of stealing certain ornaments, worth Rs. 310, belonging to Chuna, woman.

A NEW PARSEE SOLICITOR.—Mr. Manockjee Cursetjee Cama has, we learn, passed his final examination in London, and has qualified himself as a solicitor. He is expected shortly in Bombay. He is a son of our well-known townsman, Mr Cursetjee Nusserwanjee Cama.

THE CULPABLE HOMICIDE CASE.—On Wednesday Mr. Cooper, the Second Magistrate of Police, committed Bhickajee Dyabhoy, the hotel-keeper at Mahim, for trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the High Court on a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

THE GREGORY TROUPE has now got into better working order, and is nightly attracting large audiences. This being the first grand fashionable night, the theatre, we presume, will be crowded. On Saturday, we may mention, there will be an entire change of programme.

THE PERSIAN PASSERS AT BUNDER ABBAS.—We have been favoured by Messrs. Godrez Mehrban and Co., Persian merchants, with the following telegram:—"From Mr. Khosrove at Bunder Abbas: 500 Parsees sick here: no order to embark: daily 100 rupees expense. Reply sharp."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday as a Hindoo boy, about eight years of age, was hanging upon some logs of wood at the back of a cart, a large piece fell out, and broke the child's leg in two places. The unfortunate boy was at once removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital, where his leg is to be amputated.

VEXATIOUS CHARGE.—Yesterday, in the Fort Police Court, a Parsee named Framjee Nowrojee Billia was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee with criminal breach of trust, in respect of Rs. 21, &c., belonging to one James Jenning. The complainant having failed to prove the charge, he was fined Rs. 15.

ACTION FOR LIBEL AGAINST A NATIVE PAPER.—We see from the *Broach Wurtman* that Mr. Dhunjeeshaw Dadabhoy, Inspector of Police B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, has filed an action for libel against the proprietor and printer of the *Gazeret Mitra*, for certain libellous articles that have appeared in that paper against the railway police.

ROBBERY AT AHMEDNUGGUR.—A short time ago three Hindoos, named respectively Soorujmull Ameerchund, Bapoojee Gopal, and Luxmon Gopal, were charged before Mr. N. M. W. Daniell, Acting Session Judge of Ahmednuggur, with robbing a woman of her cattle. They were convicted and each sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200, with the alternative of three months' further imprisonment.

THEFT.—At the Girgaum Police Court, before Mr. Cooper, yesterday, Luxmon Wittoo was charged with stealing several copper vessels belonging to his father, and was sentenced to receive seven stripes. —Peter Price, an American negro, was charged before Mr. Cooper, yesterday, with stealing a few pieces of wearing apparel, the property of a Mussulman named Ibrahim. He was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

THEFT BY A REGIMENTAL SEPOY.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before the Senior Magistrate, Imamoodin Soondekhan, a regimental sepoy, was charged with theft of certain ornaments belonging to one Peera Dutta. Complainant said—"I am a turner, and am employed in the workshop at Byculla. I know the prisoner, a sepoy of the 4th company, 1st Grenadier Regiment, Belgaum. He came to Bombay on leave. He lived with me for nine days. He left my place while I was at my work without first telling me that he was going away. I left him in charge of the house that morning. On my way home, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I called at a shop kept by one Boodeen, and there learnt that prisoner had left the key of my house with him. I then went to my house and discovered that my jewels and clothes had been taken away. I immediately proceeded to the regimental lines on the Esplanade and inquired for Imamoodin. I was then told that he had left Bombay for some place up-country. I knew the regiment to which he belonged was at Belgaum. I sent a letter to Colonel Johnstone, commandant 1st Grenadier Regiment, at that place, reporting that Imamoodin had robbed me. I was in a few days required to attend the office of the Commissioner of Police, and was then told that my property had been found at Belgaum with Imamoodin, and that I should make a deposition concerning this matter before the magistrate of Bombay, as Imamoodin is to be tried by court martial for stealing my property." The prisoner was arrested at Belgaum, and was forwarded to Bombay by the authorities at that place. Several witnesses were examined, and the magistrate convicted the prisoner, and sentenced him to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

MORTUARY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week ending Tuesday, 14th November, was 333, being 32 more than in the preceding week, 55 more than the total of the week ending 15th November 1870, and 37 more than the mean of the corresponding period in the previous five years. During the week 12 births were reported in the different districts of the city.

Section or Sub-Section.	Population by Census of 1864.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Cholera.	Diarrhœa & Dysentery.	Convulsions.	Disease of the System.	Respiratory System.	Digestive System.	Accidents & Violence.	Total (from specified heads).	Total reported births in the week ending 14th inst.
Colaba	19,161	...	5	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	11	...
Fort, Southern	2,450	...	5	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	11	...
Fort, Northern	39,238	...	5	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	11	...
Esplanade	7,809	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	8	1
Market	75,402	...	8	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	17	...
Mandvee	41,152	...	11	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	16	...
Chuckla	41,442	...	16	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	17	...
Oomburkharee	53,020	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	19	...
Dungree	60,259	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...
Dhobeetalao	71,700	...	9	...	4	2	3	...	...	...	28	...
Phunnuswaree	22,029	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	8	...
Mandvee-wur	30,282	...	6	...	...	2	1	6	...	...	16	...
Kharatalao	23,454	...	10	...	4	2	3	1	...	...	27	...
Koombarwara	29,986	...	9	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	18	...
Khetwaree	29,177	...	10	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	14	...
Girgaum	21,905	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	1
Chuopatee	16,194	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
Walcheshwar	19,094	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
Mahalaxmee	2,144	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mazagon	21,284	...	1	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	6	...
Tarwaree	9,462	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Kamathipoora	81,673	1	12	...	7	2	3	1	...	...	26	...
Parel	7,902	...	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	8	...
Sewree	5,042	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sion	12,078	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
Mahim	15,426	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
Worlee	10,211	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	1
Harbour	32,982	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Non-Residents and Unknown	...	...	4	...	...	1	5	...	14	...	...	12
Bombay	816,562	1	152	1	48	23	27	5	333	12		
Mean of the corresponding weeks in the preceding 5 years		2	127	5	34	23	27	6	296	...		

The following statement shows the number of deaths at the different races or castes:—

Race or Caste.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Cholera.	Diarrhœa & Dysentery.	Convulsions.	Disease of the System.	Respiratory System.	Digestive System.	Accidents & Violence.	Total (inc. those not specified here).	Total reported births in the week ending 14th inst.
Boodhist—Jain, &c	...	10	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	14	...
Brahmin	...	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
Lingaet	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	8	...
Bhatia	1	82	1	28	6	13	1	...	...	161	6
Hindoo of other Caste	1	3	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	10	...
Hindoo out-caste	...	32	...	4	6	8	2	...	...	77	1
Mussulman	...	12	...	3	6	2	...	...	...	31	2
Parsee	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Jew	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
Native-Christian	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indo-European	...	4	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	7	1
European	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Negro-African	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chinese	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown Races	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Total	1	152	1	48	23	29	3	...	333	12	
Corresponding week 1870	2	93	12	33	14	24	4	...	278	60	

HIGH COURT.—17TH NOVEMBER.

(Before the Hon. Sir CHARLES SARGENT.)

739-70—C. Tyabjee—Assoo Mohun cy and others vs. Burjorjee Jeejeejee Patel—Dallas and Lynch.

743-70—Leathes and Crawford—Atmaram Bappoo Dulvi vs. Morobs Soonderjee—Acland, Prentis, and Bishop.

747-70—H E. Hope—Pootajee Soobhajee vs. Bapoo Balloo and another—Dallas and Lynch.

749-70—Dallas and Lynch—Ghellabhoy Khanbhoy vs. John Buck Spence and others—Mansfield and Fletcher.

751-70—Dallas and Lynch—Dadabhai Rustomjee vs. Dhurrumsey Spinning Weaving Company, Limited—No appearance.

753-70—Shapoorjee—Dharmedhardass Sakaram and others vs. Vishwanath Luxmon and others—C. Tyabjee.

755-70—C. Tyabjee—Sewdyal Hursookdass vs. Ramkisson Hoolumchund—Shapoorjee and Thackurdass.

757-70—Shapoorjee—Mithebhai, widow vs. Pervabai, widow, and others—Dallas and Lynch.

759-70—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Sheik Essa bin Khulifa's vs. Khuttoo Muscoonjee and another—No appearance.

761-70—Shamrao Pandurang—Canjee Rajpall and another vs. Vussonjee Heerjee and others—No appearance.

763-70—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Shaik Mahomed Abdool and others vs. Memon Abba Ebrahim—No appearance.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BAYLEY.)

For Investigation under Section 305 of Act VIII. of 1859.

Cassum Hajee Mahomed and others vs. Jacob Jumail.

SUITS FOR HEARING AND FINAL DISPOSAL.

LONG CAUSES.

655-70—Dallas and Lynch—Cooverbai, widow vs. Maneckbai, widow—Tyabjee, Thacker and Chalk—Part heard.

THE MUNICIPAL CRISIS—MEETING OF THE BENCH OF JUSTICES.

YESTERDAY afternoon, at three o'clock, a special meeting of the Bench of Justices was held in the Durbar Room, Town Hall, to consider matters arising out of the late confusion of municipal affairs. There was a full attendance of Justices, and in the strangers' portion of the hall there was a considerable attendance. Mr. John Connon, Chairman of the Bench, presided. The meeting was called for three, but Mr. Connon did not arrive till a quarter-past three.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen,—I wish to apologise for my lateness. I was requested by a member of Government to call on him in this building. This has detained me, and it will lead to a communication which I shall make to you at the proper time. What I desire now is to excuse myself from any apparent neglect of my duties here, which my absence would seem to imply. (Hear, hear, and applause.) That is the explanation. As to the minutes of the last meeting, perhaps you will consider them as read. I have already signed them, as I considered myself under a statutory obligation to do so.

Mr. Taylor remarked that that might be considered agreed to, as the point had been settled quite recently.

The Chairman—Well, they seem to be agreed to, as no one appears to say anything. The business before the meeting is, as you are aware, gentlemen, multifarious. First of all we will take the following:—

1. To require the Municipal Commissioner, the Controller, or other Municipal Officer, who is in possession of the documents, to pro duce the Order of Government and the Legal Opinion on which they acted in paying the Police for the month of September out of the Municipal Fund, in defiance of the express Resolution of the Bench, dated 14th June last, as well as of the following Section (Sec. 6) of Act II. of 1865, which vests in the Bench of Justices, as trustees, the sole control of the Municipal Fund:—"All moneys received by, or on behalf of, the Justices, by virtue of this or any other Act, all rates, taxes, fines, fees, and penalties paid to or levied by them under this Act, and all moneys which may be assigned by Government for purposes of conservancy or improvement in the City, shall constitute a fund, which shall be called "The Municipal Fund of the City of Bombay," and shall, together with all property of what nature or kindsoever which may become vested in the Justices, be under the direction, management, and control of the Justices in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall be held and applied by them as trustees for the purposes of this Act."

2. To require the Municipal Controller to explain his conduct in countersigning the Commissioner's Cheques for the payment of the Police against the Orders of the Bench and the provisions of said Section 6 of the Municipal Act.

3. To require the Clerk of the Peace to explain why the Municipal Commissioner's letter of the 21st ult. communicating the fact that he had paid away money out of the Municipal Fund against the order of the Bench, was not immediately circulated to the Justices instead of being kept back till the close of the Special Meeting of the Beach held on the 25th ult.

You will also have to consider a further communication from Dr. Hewlett, intimating that he has, upon a Government resolution which has been published, paid the police for the months of October and September. Also you will have to consider what is to be done regarding the intimation from Mr. Under-Secretary Jacomb, that the Municipal Commissioner that was, as I am obliged to speak of Mr. Crawford, has, as a member of the Civil Service, and not apparently as Municipal Commissioner, obtained a grant of furlough for two years. The gentlemen who urged this meeting will now probably be prepared to bring before the meeting some resolution incidental to the purpose for which it has been called.

Mr. Maclean—Perhaps the officers of the Municipality may be able to produce these documents and have some reply to make.

The Chairman—Well, Mr. Arthur Crawford, I suppose, is in European waters by this time, and I do not think he will produce much at this meeting. I believe I have authority for stating that the Controller, Mr. Maidment, has resigned his appointment. I also understand from Dr. Blaney, his medical adviser, that he is so sick that he cannot attend here to-day. I am quite sure the fact must be so, and that it is not out of disrespect to this Bench that Mr. Maidment is not here to-day. (Hear, hear.) As to the conduct of the Clerk, Mr. Leslie Crawford, I think every one will admit that gentleman was not at all at fault whoever was. (Hear, hear.) That he did not receive that letter until the morning of the last meeting is sufficient exoneration. (Hear, hear.) He showed me the letter at once, and as far as I am concerned, I do not think Mr. Leslie Crawford is to blame. ("No, no," and applause.)

Captain Henry—Are we to understand that the whole of the Municipal office has so collapsed, that nobody here has to reply to the questions referred to?

Dr. Hewlett—No. I am here. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) I am here to answer so far, but unfortunately the other Municipal official is in possession of the documents. I have received a confidential document which I will read to the Bench. It is a letter from Mr. Nugent to the address of Mr. Crawford, dated Poona, and is the document upon which Mr. Crawford ordered payment of the police for September. The legal opinions upon which he acted I now produce. It is from Mr. Green and Mr. Anstey.

Mr. Narayen Wassudewjee—I have read Mr. Anstey's opinion, but have not seen Mr. Green's.

Dr. Bhau Daji—I for one have not seen Mr. Anstey's opinion.

Dr. Blaney—It has been circulated.

Dr. Bhau Daji—It may have been, but I have not seen it.

Mr. Vishwanath Narayen Mundlik—May I ask whether the opinion is taken on this letter, because the impression conveyed by the first letter to the Clerk of the Peace is that he received a letter from the Government, and thereupon a case was submitted for counsel, and then he was advised he ought to pay.

Dr. Hewlett—As to the opinion of Mr. Green, it was received posterior to the resolution of the Bench of the 14th June, and after that Mr. Crawford asked for a further information on which he acted in paying the police for the month of September. These are the only two opinions in the office.

Captain Henry—Might we ask also for the letter of Sir Bartle Frere asking for this opinion so that we may judge how the case was laid before counsel?

Dr. Hewlett was about to read the evidence of Mr. Green, taken before the meeting of the 14th June, when

Captain Henry complained that it had not been read before.

Mr. Narayen Wassudew—It was neither read nor circulated.

Captain Henry—Might I ask who paid for it? I think the Bench ought to have had it. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. Hewlett—I will look up the accounts.

Mr. Maxwell—Don't trouble yourself.

Dr. Hewlett then proceeded to read the legal opinions which had been given on the subject of payment, and concluded by saying he believed he had done all that was required of him.

Mr. Hamilton Maxwell then said—Mr. Chairman,—Before moving the resolution on this payment of the police question, I will read a short sketch which I have prepared concerning the proceedings of the Bench of Justices in that matter. The Bench met in October 1870 to consider the Municipal Commissioner's Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year 1871, in accordance with section 33 of Act II. of 1865. The police expenditure was estimated at Rs. 3,95,820, of which Government paid Rs. 98,955. The police rate was, in accordance with section 227 of the Municipal Act, fixed at 2 per cent. At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th April (the proceedings of which were only reported in the *Government Gazette* of the 4th May), it was stated to be the intention of Government to withdraw the contribution to the police, and although Government did not make any reference to the Bench, the subject was discussed at their quarterly meeting held on 26th April, when the following resolutions were carried—

Proposed by Mr. Nowrojee Furdonjee, and seconded by Mr. Narayen Wassedew—"That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to Government remonstrating against the withdrawal by Government of their contribution to the Police Fund of the Municipality, and praying for its continuance. The Committee to consist of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Nowrojee Furdonjee, Narayen Wassoodew, Dr. Blaney, and Mr. Peroshaw Mehta."

Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by the Municipal Commissioner—"That a special general meeting of the Justices be convened on Monday, the 8th May at 2 p.m., to consider the question of the withdrawal by Government of the grant for police and to revise the Budget allotments for the current year; and that the Finance Committee be requested to report on the subject in the interim."

The Finance Committee in their report to the Bench, dated 4th May, stated—

"That with reference to section 224 of the Municipal Act, Government be requested to reduce the cost of the police so as to bring the charges for the six months ending 30th November 1871, down to Rs. 1,23,914, the estimated yield of the police rate for six months, being an average rate of about Rs. 20,652 a month, and that they be informed that the Bench has revised the grant for police for the current year at Rs. 3,21,824, of which it is estimated that Rs. 1,97,910 will be expended in the six months ending 31st May 1871. This would give a saving of Rs. 67,497."

And at a special general meeting of the Bench, held on the 8th May, the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Narayen Wassudewjee, Esq., seconded by Raghoonath Narayen Kote, Esq., and carried—"That with reference to section 224 of the Municipal Act, Government be requested to reduce the cost of the police so as to bring the charges for the six months ending 30th November 1871 down to Rs. 1,23,914, the estimated yield of the police rate for six months, being an average rate of about Rs. 20,652 a month, and that they be informed that the Bench has fixed the revised grant for police for the current year at Rs. 3,21,824, of which it is estimated that Rs. 1,97,910 will be expended in the six months ending 31st May 1871—that the Commissioner be directed to pay the police from 1st June 1871 at the above reduced rates of Rs. 20,652 a month only."

At an adjourned special general meeting of the Bench, on the 16th May, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the memorial to Government on the subject of the police grant, as read to the Bench, be adopted and forwarded to Government."

This memorial respectfully submitted the case to Government. Reference to the following Government resolutions will show, that the request of the Bench to be put on an equal footing with Calcutta and Madras, was most reasonable and coincided with the ideas of Government as then expressed. On the 30th of June, Mr. Nugent, the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, was directed to acknowledge this memorial with a curt refusal to alter the decision of Government, and stated that ample means, with good management, had been placed at the disposal of the Bench to meet all obligations legitimately belonging to it. There is no doubt, that with good management our means were quite ample, but then there was not good management. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Nugent's letter was as follows:—

Bombay Castle, June 30, 1871.

TO THE CLERK TO THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE CITY OF BOMBAY.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 14th ultimo, submitting a memorial of the Justices of the Peace for the city of Bombay, on the subject of the withdrawal by Government of their contribution to the police fund of the Bombay Municipality.

In reply I am desired to state that Government decided to withdraw its contribution towards the maintenance of the police force of the city of Bombay after a full and mature consideration of the circumstances which have been brought to notice in the memorial, and that the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council see nothing in the facts stated which should cause him to alter his former decision.

The Governor in Council has further desired me to state, that the numerous advantages possessed by the city of Bombay, which has been correctly described by the memorialists as an "entrepot of vast commerce," and the comparative wealth of its citizens, render it just that it should bear the entire cost of its police, and that it would be unjustifiable in Government to call upon the inhabitants of the less favoured towns and districts of the presidency to contribute to relieve the city of Bombay from the discharge of an obligation which legitimately belongs to it.

Government have placed at the disposal of the Municipal administration resources which should, in their opinion, be ample, with good management, to provide for the reasonable requirements of the city, and they will be glad to consider any proposals for a reduction of the police force which may be practicable without impairing its efficiency.—I have, &c.,

JOHN NUGENT,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

The resolution of Government of the same date stated that His Excellency in Council "cannot recognise any resolution of the Bench of Justices directing the carrying into effect of reduction to which the sanction of Government has not previously been accorded."

The Finance Committee having now taken the opinion of Mr. Chisholm Anstey (dated 7th June), at an adjourned special general meeting of the Bench, held on the 14th June, the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Narayen Wassudewjee, Esq., seconded by H. Maxwell, Esq., and carried.—"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to continue paying in full the expenses of the Police and Fire Engine Establishments as hitherto until the grant of Rs. 2,86,824, voted in November last, in the Budget for the current year from the Municipal and Police funds, exclusive of the anticipated contribution from Government towards the police, is exhausted—anything contained in the resolution passed at the meeting of the Bench on 8th May last to the contrary notwithstanding. And the Justices of the Peace be requested to inform Government and the Commissioner of Police of the passing of this resolution, and to intimate, that although very desirous of meeting the wishes of Government, the Bench regret that the resources at their disposal will not enable them, unless aided by the annual Government contribution, to defray the expenses of the police after the above-named sum is exhausted, which may be by August next."

This elicited a reply from Government, dated 31st July, stating that the resolution of the Bench of 14th June is as much opposed to law as the resolution of 8th May, and threatening, that if the Bench did not dispense with the State subsidy, additional taxation for the purpose of paying the police would be imposed by Government. On the 25th of August the memorial to Government, proposed by Mr. Narayen Wassudewjee, was adopted by the Bench and forwarded. This memorial suggested a means of enabling Government to pay the police for the remaining four months of the year from the reserve fund for contingencies in the Provincial Budget. To this memorial the Government has not yet condescended to reply.

Dr. Blaney—What, not yet?

Mr. Maxwell—Not yet. Government has since, without any reference to the Bench whatever, induced the Acting Executive Officers to pay the police for the month of September, and since then for the month of October, out of the general fund. On the 18th November, Government forwarded the following resolution to Dr. Hewlett:—

Dr. Hewlett should be informed that he is bound by law to pay the police from the Municipal Funds, and that the money advanced to the Municipality by Government will enable him to do so for the month of October 1871.—(Signed) J. NUGENT, Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

This showed very clearly that the Government had taken the matter into their own hands. The whole case stands thus. The Bench, in strict accordance with the Municipal Act, passed the Budget grant for the police, depending on Government for the imperial contribution of one-fourth of the police expenditure. The proceedings of the Bench were published in due form in the *Government Gazette*, as required by section 33 of the Act, and no objection having been made by Government, we may presume that the Budget was duly sanctioned. On the 5th April the Government intimated its intention of withdrawing the Government contribution, but made no reference to the Bench on the subject. The matter was, however, discussed at the first quarterly meeting of the Bench, and the resolutions I have just read were prepared and forwarded to Government. Government has since, in the most illegal manner without reference to the Bench, ordered the Municipal Officers to meet the expenditure. It is clearly laid down in section 38 of the Municipal Act, that—"The rates being so fixed shall not be altered before the next succeeding month of October."

Dr. Blaney—And you had no reserve fund, you should say.

Mr. Maxwell—Yes. And we had no money to appropriate. (Laughter.) Therefore, regarding the police, the Bench had no power to alter the rate till that month, and as the Municipality had no funds from which to defray the extra cost of the police, it was simply unreasonable on the part of Government to expect it. (Hear, hear.) I have no hesitation in stating my opinion, humble though it may be, that Government has acted in a most arbitrary manner in requesting the servants of the Municipality to act in defiance of the order of the Bench, and requiring them to spend the money of which the Justices are the sole trustees. I have no doubt that Dr. Hewlett is doing his best for the Municipality, but I must tell him plainly that he has no more right to put his hands in the Municipal coffers than I have—(hear, hear);—and he is no more justified in doing so than the Government is in ordering him. The resolution which it is now my duty to propose, is as follows—

"That the Bench protests against the action of Government in ordering the Municipal Officers to pay the police for the months of September and October, without requesting them to obtain the sanction of the Bench of Justices, and in opposition to the resolution of the 14th of June last, that the conduct of the Municipal Commissioner and Controller in acting in this matter without receiving the sanction of the Bench is highly reprehensible and deserving the severest censure of the Bench."

Mr. Narayen Wassoodew said—The letter from Government, dated 23rd June, contained, I think, a tacit admission by Government of their liability for the payment of their usual contribution, and after explaining their reasons for the withdrawal of the subsidy they pointed out to us the alternative to which they would be compelled to resort in the event of our insisting upon payment of the annual grant. This alternative was additional taxation. On the 26th August last we forwarded our memorial to Government, deprecating any additional taxation, and pointing out to them a course by which they might in future be relieved of the payment of the subsidy. Although no reply has yet been received to that representation, it is noteworthy that Government have already taken action upon our suggestions and have effected reductions in the cost of the police force to the amount of Rs. 67,497 per annum, so that at the time my attention was called to this Bench has bestowed upon this subject have not been thrown away. (Hear, hear.) In the fore part of our memorial we begged that the additional reserve of 4 lakhs, granted for the exigencies of the Bombay Government, might be trenched upon to give us relief for the current year, especially as the starting our inability to meet the deficiency from our own resources were altogether well founded. The amount we originally counted upon as a deficit in the payment of the police till the end of the year was Rs. 98,030, but owing to the reduction lately effected, this sum has been diminished to Rs. 70,276, and this sum we have now a right to expect from Government. We are not in a position yet to say what really is the intention of Government in the matter, but they have, in their resolution of the 10th instant, ordered the Acting Municipal Commissioner to pay the police for the month of October, adding that the money lately advanced by the Government to the Municipality will enable him to do so. Eventually, therefore, this will be a matter for adjustment between the Municipality and Government. (Hear, hear.) Nevertheless, in whatever way the matter is finally adjusted, the order to the Municipal Commissioner to pay the police for the months of September and October, in defiance of the resolution of the Bench, is one we must deplore, for it places the officers of Government and the servants of the Bench in a position antagonistic to each other. (Hear, hear.) This act of Government, which is only one of a series, in dealing directly with the Municipal Exchequer through their own officers without the permission of this Bench, if it were followed to its legitimate conclusion, would justify us in resigning the whole control of Municipal affairs into the hands of Government. (Applause.) The policy of taking the Municipal funds for imperial purposes, quite independently of the opinions of the Bench of Justices, has been systematically followed by Government; and under the present circumstance, therefore, I think that our best plan is to send a protest to Government in accordance with Mr. Maxwell's resolution. (Applause.)

The Chairman then read over Mr. Maxwell's resolution, which had been slightly amended, and

Dr. Dallas said—Mr. Maxwell, I think it is very poor game for us to be censuring these Municipal officers; but at the same time I think it is very judicious for us to record some protest in this way. The Municipal Commissioner is absent, and so also is the Controller, and I would ask how does their action differ from the action of the present Commissioner? I think any resolution of this kind should be impartial, and deal not only with those absent but with those present. I am not fully aware of all the circumstances, and there may be a difference which I am not aware of, and which Dr. Hewlett may be able to point out. At present, however, on grounds of impartiality, I say that, seeing no difference between the conduct of the three officers, we must, in justice to the absent men, include in our censure the present gentleman who is acting as Commissioner. I propose that Dr. Hewlett's name be made one of three to be censured. (Laughter.) I know, as I have said before, that this censuring work is very poor game for us, and that our proper game is Government. Still, I think, in justice to our own self-respect, and our position before the ratepayers, it is our duty to record this protest; and that this is the only way there is of expressing our indignation at the way in which we have been treated. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The Chairman—I take no part in these discussions, but I think I ought, in justice to Dr. Hewlett, to say this much on his behalf. He did me the honour lately of calling upon me, partly, perhaps, as Chairman of the Bench, and partly also, I suppose, as a friend, and he told me he had got the order from Government to pay the police, and he wanted my opinion as to what he ought to do. I replied to him as a fellow-servant—for I, too, have taken the shilling—(laughter)—and I know that when I get an order from Government I have to perform it, and I do it, too, generally. I think, I might upon you to tell Dr. Hewlett—and I wish to repeat it to you now—that I said I thought it would not be safe for him, as a Government servant, to refuse to comply with that order from the Government. It may be quite beside the position of this Bench, but I am quite prepared to defend it against any one. In this matter, gentlemen, Dr. Hewlett did not act in an underhand way. He knew a special meeting had just been held—he knew another would be held soon; and probably he did not like to call another meeting. He could not go round hat in hand to everyone of you to ask your advice, and when he came to me I must again say it was I who suggested the course to him in relation to his being a government servant. Whether the whole thing is not as wrong as possible is another matter and one on which I will express no opinion. It is due to Dr. Hewlett to say that he did not act out of disrespect to this Bench, as has been done by the other men who are absent. I do not expect Dr. Hewlett will thank me for that, because he will speak up for the late Commissioner whether he was in the right or the wrong. (Laughter.)

Dr. Hewlett—O, no. But what has been said was entirely my reason for acting as I did.

Dr. Dallas—The Chairman has told us just now that it was rather as a friend that Dr. Hewlett consulted him. But I think we ought not to recognise these sort of reasons—those demi-official interviews. (Hear, hear.) Whatever is to be done on behalf of this Municipality must be done officially. (Hear, hear.) The proceedings must be done in some way we can grasp at—for we can lay hold of—if there is to be any good done to the Municipality. I do not, as I have said, know the exact facts with regard to Mr. Crawford's course of action, and what I know I have heard to-day for the first time. But what I have heard does not show me there is any difference between the conduct of the officiating Commissioner and those two absent men. I lay particular stress upon that. If they were here to defend themselves I would not say a word, but since they are not, I think that unless there is a distinction shown to us, Dr. Hewlett's name should not be excluded. (Applause.)

Mr. Maclean—It seems to me that there is a great distinction between the conduct of the past Municipal Commissioner and that of Dr. Hewlett. It appears, from the correspondence which Dr. Hewlett has read, that the legal opinion that Mr. Crawford got was dated the 26th September.

Mr. Vishwanath Narayen Mundlik—June, it is.

Mr. Maclean—I should have said, the bond of indemnity, not the legal opinion, which Mr. Crawford got was dated the 26th September, and his letter to the Bench was only written on the 21st October. Then was, therefore, a delay of nearly four weeks, during which Mr. Crawford kept this matter entirely concealed from the Bench. That appears to me to be a way in which Dr. Hewlett has never acted. (Applause.) And consider the circumstances Dr. Hewlett was placed in. He was only here two days after his appointment and Controller for this conduct towards this Bench. (Hear, hear.) My opinion about the whole affair of the police is this. Government has made the fatal mistake of considering the Municipal Commissioner, the Controller, and others, as under their special orders. They forget that this is not the case—that from the time of their appointment as Municipal officers, they were our servants, and the Government had no more right to order them to take money out of the Municipal fund than they had to go to the secretary of any private company and tell him to hand out his money so that the police might be paid out of it. (Loud applause.) What would be thought of Mr. Gladstone, the Prime Minister of England, if he were to tell the officials of the city of London that they were to take money out of the civic purse, containing the revenues of the Corporation of London, to make up any deficit in the finances of the country? It would be preposterous—would not be tolerated. Yet what the Government of Bombay has done actually amounts to that. Because the Governor has failed to do what ought to be done in this Presidency, are we to relieve him of his responsibility? He is endeavouring to shift the responsibility and the odium of extra taxation upon us. But when a man is appointed to the high position of Governor, it is his duty, and it ought to be his ambition, to fix the principles of new taxation himself, instead of leaving the work to a Municipality. (Hear, hear.) But this is how Bombay has been treated. It is a young and struggling Municipality, requiring all the assistance that Government can give it, to treat it in such an arbitrary way is to destroy all hopes of this Municipality ever growing to be a free and flourishing institution. (Applause.) I did not intend to say a word upon this subject, because it is difficult to speak upon it without losing one's self-command. No one can be more anxious than I am that the English Government should be respected—(hear, hear;)—but I think the way for it to secure that respect, and to establish a proper understanding between it and the Municipality, is to speak clearly and straightforwardly to every one and to try regarding all public affairs to deal fairly and honestly. (Applause.)

(To be continued.)

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE BARQUE ZEPHYRUS, 699 tons, Captain J. Dennies, arrived yesterday from Rangoon with a cargo of rice and planks.

THE SHIP BIRMINGHAM, 1,400 tons, Captain M. Durham, arrived yesterday from Shields with a cargo of coals.

THE S.S. KURRACHEE, Captain A. Scott, arrived yesterday from the Coast and Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—From Cutch—A gentleman and lady. From the Coast—One hundred deck passengers.

THE French ships Henri and Admiral de Genouilly, which put to sea during the late gale, have returned in safety to the Pondicherry Roads. No further news has been received concerning the steamer Vedas, which is stranded near Porto Novo. The Belvidera has been abandoned by the captain, to the French authorities, who have encamped there *Bureau d' Inscription Maritime* on the beach close to the wreck, from which everything moveable is rapidly being conveyed to shore, and piled high and dry, guarded by a military cordon. Thousands of native spectators congregate daily on the spot to witness the strange sight. Since 1863, when the Breton came on shore near the same place, there has been no case of shipwreck at Pondicherry.—*Madras Mail.*

THE OVERLADING OF THE S.S. GUNGA.

THE S. S. Gunga sailed on Wednesday with the sanction of Capt

which 90 are furnished with lodges. It is not reported whether the civil authorities have been consulted in fixing the number and sites of these crossings, as previously ordered, but if not, this should be done. How many gate-lodges, involving the employment of gate-keepers, are required cannot be said; but on a line which will be only partially fenced and will have but little traffic, worked at a slow speed, it seems highly improbable that the estimated number will be required. The item is, therefore, not sanctioned pending a report on the subject. The cost of the guard rails is transferred to the head of Permanent Way in accordance with the ruling on the subject, but the remaining items for grade and mile posts, &c., may be passed. The cost of huts for maintenance gangs is not sanctioned; as, although the amount is small, there is nothing to show that these men could not live in neighbouring villages as is done in other parts of India. If this should be impracticable, sanction should be solicited to the construction of huts when they are actually required. The total sanction under this head amounts to—

				Rs.
Shoojahad Division	...	...	...	3,695
Sutlej Bridge ,,	...	...	...	758
Bhawulpoor ,,	...	...	...	4,033
		Total	...	8,476

5.—Fencing.

14. The cost of a complete fence of iron-wire, or in some places of mud, is included in the estimates, which are calculated at very excessive rates. The Government of India reiterate the opinions that a fence need only be provided in the neighbourhood of large towns and stations, unless, perhaps, a short length is needed on either side of important level crossings. The gratings proposed by Mr. Molesworth should be provided at each extremity of an isolated piece of fencing, and early consideration should be given to this matter, and a report of the length that will, under these directions, have to be fenced, and of the amount of iron fencing needed for it, should be made in order that steps may be taken to procure the material.

Provisional sanction to the following extent is given to cover such preliminary expenditure as may be necessary:

				Rs.
Shoojahad Division	...	...	...	10,000
Sutlej Bridge ,,	...	...	...	3,000
Bhawulpoor ,,	...	...	...	12,000
		Total	...	25,000

IV.—BALLAST AND PERMANENT WAY.

1.—Ballasting.

15. The estimate provides for a lower lift of sand at Rs. 2-8 per 100 cubic feet, and a covering of burnt clay at Rs. 9-8 per 100 cubic feet, the total section being the standard of 8½ square feet. These rates must necessarily be more or less approximate; and until ballast has been actually collected and burned, the cost cannot be definitely known. The proposed section is, however, approved, and the estimated cost sanctioned, namely,—

				Rs.
Shoojahad Division	...	...	...	1,48,646
Sutlej Bridge ,,	...	...	...	40 172
Bhawulpoor ,,	...	...	...	2,27,857
		Total	...	4,06,945

It may be as well here to remark that if the banks are thrown up with full allowance for consolidation, a great waste of expensive ballast will be prevented.

(2).—Permanent Way.

16. The estimate for this item requires modification as regards prices and weights, and should be reduced by the amount set down to cover the probable loss of materials, which cannot be allowed, as all material of whatever kind must be duly accounted for by the official in whose charge it may be. The figures given in Mr. Molesworth's memo random show the probable cost of this item, according to the best available information, and the following sanctions based on those figures, and including the cost of guard rails at level crossings, and of the permanent way for five miles of sidings, are accordingly granted:

				Rs.
Shoojahad Division	...	...	...	10,0 .571
Sutlej Bridge ,,	...	...	...	2,85,884
Bhawulpoor ,,	...	...	...	14,54,786
		Total ...		27,42,246

These figures include deodar sleepers to be supplied from the Punjab forests at an average of Rs. 3 each, delivered at the depôts on the rivers, and exclusive of local lead. The Government of India desire that it may be understood that this rate is, in their opinion, excessive, and that in so far as purchases are made from the Forest Department, prices resulting in inordinate profits to that department will not be sanctioned. The same remark applies to the supply of fuel.

The Government of India desire that the report on the distribution of the permanent way materials and the establishment of store depôts may be made at an early date.

V.—SECTION AND BUILDINGS.

(1).—Stations, &c.

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		Total	..	.. 94,623

It is understood that the Superintending Engineer desires to make a trifling alteration in the grouping of units of accommodation at Adamwhan, involving no increase in expenditure. This may be carried out.

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HEAD.	Shoojahad Division.	Sutlej Bridge Division.	Bhawulpoor Division.	Total.
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1.—Earth work ...	1,02,628	1,84,660	2,13,448	5,00,737
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3.—Large Bridges ...	...	38,347	18,44	56,795
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Total	19,99,011	5,71,326	23,59,8 3	49,87,140
Add 5 per cent. for contingencies	99,900	35,566	1,17,990	2,49,856
Total	20,64,311	7,04,892	24,77,793	52,46,996

Total length of District, 137 miles.

23. These sanctions are exclusive of any charges for plant, which will be subsequently considered when the returns of requirements that have been called for have been submitted, or for work-shops; also of the cost of rolling stock (say £600 per mile.) the Sutlej Bridge (estimated to cost £300,000), the station arrangements at Mooltan, including the works and way that will be required to connect Mooltan with the junction on the Shere Shah Branch, (say £20,000), and establishment, estimated by the Superintending Engineer at less than Rs. 5,00,000. They include, however, all other estimated expenditure, and are sufficiently complete to permit the most vigorous and active prosecution of the construction of the line during the ensuing season. It would be a matter of the gravest disappointment to the Government of India, if from any cause the expectations of progress during the coming cold weather were not fully realized, and the Governor-General in Council trusts that no efforts may be spared to carry forward the works to an early, successful, and economical conclusion.

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Memorandum by the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways on the Mooltan District of the Indus Valley Railway.

The alignment of the railway through this district appears to have been already settled; in fact the country is nearly a dead flat, which renders it feasible to take the line in almost any direction without greatly increasing the cost of the railway. The alignment is consequently determined by the relative fertility of the different districts, or the importance of the towns in a political or commercial point of view, rather than by the features of the country, or the irregularities of the ground.

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There are but few points which it is necessary for me to discuss, as the country is so extremely easy that the only work of any importance is the Sutlej bridge and its approaches. The earth-work, except in these approaches, is very light, but yet it appears to be heavier than would seem to be warranted by the features of the country. Mr. Collet explains that this is owing to the liability of the country to be flooded in consequence of the bursting of some irrigation channels, and that, when this happens, the water stands several feet deep over the district through which the railway passes. It is difficult, however, to conceive that, with a flat country, the bursting of such small canals could inundate so vast a tract of country to the height indicated, and I recommend a careful verification of the facts before adopting these comparatively high embankments.

The approach embankments of the Sutlej are exceedingly heavy, running up with a gradient of 1 in 300 to cross the river.

Mr. Collet estimates the cost of these embankments (including the lead of materials) at Rs. 2,87,000.

I have requested him to estimate the saving that can be effected by the adoption of a gradient of 1 in 100, and he has sent to me a return showing a reduction of Rs. 1,74,000 by the adoption of this gradient. I recommend, therefore, that the gradient of 1 in 100 be approved for the approaches of the Sutlej bridge. The ruling gradients on the remainder of the line are 1 in 500, so that the adoption of this exceptional gradient at the Sutlej will have the effect of limiting the trains to the weight that an engine can take up a gradient of 1 in 100. On the other hand, the traffic on the Indus Valley Railway, as a rule, will probably be so small, that long trains will seldom be required; but should they be necessary in exceptional cases, it will be easy to telegraph to the engine station nearest to the Sutlej to have a pilot engine ready to assist the train over the bridge, or else sidings protected by signals may be constructed on each side of the bridge, and the engine can take a portion of the train across the river to the siding on the other bank, and then return for the remainder. The additional cost of two such sidings would be about Rs. 10,000, thus reducing the saving on earthwork to Rs. 1,64,000; but as, in all probability, such sidings must, in any case, be made for terminal arrangements during the construction of the line until the completion of the Sutlej bridge, the permanent way materials alone should be considered as additional.

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Station buildings	...	...	...	1 87 941
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		Total...		49,86,619
Contingencies, 5 per cent.	...	...	...	2,48,331
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6. The Sutlej bridge.
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COLONIZATION—LIFE IN THE PLAINS.

(Pioneer).

In spite of all that has been said and written on the subject of the hardships attendant on a sojourn in the plains, we are still inclined to think that a sketch of daily life in India may be given, which will in many respects prove rather attractive than otherwise; and the attempt to present matters in a justly favourable aspect is the more necessary, that the wants of the country urgently need all due encouragement and assistance to the adequate influx of European colonization, to be scattered as a leavening principle throughout the length and breadth of the land. The introduction in increased numbers of European settlers not devoid of capital, and possessed of a due degree of skill in those departments of manufacture, arts, and agriculture, for the exercise of which India, it is known, presents a wide field of profitable employment, would not only, as a primary measure, hasten the development of the resources of the country, and elevate the masses by the direct force of example, beating down the barriers of stagnating caste, and tending to the general adoption, on the part of natives, of improved methods and appliances in all branches of industry, but likewise create for India a public worthy the name, unshackled by the checks and disabilities of the official element—a public which up to the present moment can scarcely be said to exist. The planter and agriculturist in the due development of the resources of the soil; the manufacturer in the working up of raw produce; the chemist in the pursuit of his profession; the mechanical engineer in the construction and repair of machinery, the erection of saw-mills, &c., would here find ample scope for energy and enterprise. Those who should be higher and more substantial than that which faces the river, so that, in case of an overflow, any breach will be towards the river, and not in the direction of the railway.

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Preliminary expenses	...	...	...	5,25,194
Land ...	...	...	...	22,000
Earthwork ...	...	...	...	4,78,219
Bridge works, minor	...	...	...	5,04,659
Bridge works, major	...	...	...	56,795
Level crossings, &c.	...	...	...	7,540
Fencing ...	...	...	...	20,000
Ballast ...	...	...	...	4,09,945
Permanent-way and siding	...	...	...	27,42,449
Station buildings	...	...	...	1 87 941
Staff quarters ..	...	...	...	94 028
Telegraph ...	...	...	...	1,17,852
		Total...		49,86,619
Contingencies, 5 per cent.	...	...	...	2,48,331
		Total,,		52,14,950

This does not include the following items:—

1. Station machinery.
2. Plant.
3. Rolling stock.
4. Establishment.
5. Junction with the Punjab Railway.
6. The Sutlej bridge.
7. Mooltan Station.

I propose to defer the consideration of Nos. 1, 2, and 3, until the printed store lists have been filled in and returned; Nos 4 and 5 I propose to discuss when I visit the spot. For the Sutlej bridge the designs are not yet in, but I roughly estimate the cost of 20 lakhs of rupees.

GUILFORD L. MOLESWORTH.

The 27th October 1871.

THE WRONGS OF THE MUSSULMANS IN INDIA.

The following paragraph is from the *Urdoo Guide* of the 21st October:—Mr. Hunter has done a signal service to the Mussulman community of Bengal by thus prominently and forcibly laying before the English and Indian public the most important wrongs it has had to suffer at the hands of its British rulers. Times without number we have attempted in these columns to call the attention of the authorities to those serious and real defects in the educational system now in force, which have virtually excluded Mahomedan boys from our schools and colleges, and thereby disabled them from acquiring those qualifications which, under the British Government and the new system of administration introduced by it, are indispensable in candidates for public employ. We have shown more than once that the abolition of the office of Law Officers and Cazee was a grave mistake, and repeatedly drawn the attention of the Educational Department to the palpable injustice of employing the bulk of Mahomed Mohsin's magnificent bequest on the education of the Hindoos. It is therefore to us a matter of no small congratulation to find that all that we have written and published on the subject of Mahomedan disabilities has at last been confirmed by so able and influential a writer as Dr. Hunter, whose powerful and earnest advocacy is likely to be crowned with success. We are also extremely rejoiced to observe that the measures Dr. Hunter proposes for the extension of education among the Mussulmans are exactly those we have for years contended for; but as the subject is one calling for special comment, we reserve its consideration to a future issue.

THE RUIN AT TRANQUEBAR.

We regret to learn, from a correspondent at that place, that the ancient town of Tranquebar has suffered most severely from the effects of the recent gale. "Such a catastrophe," he writes, "was never expected even by the most old inhabitants, as our ancient buildings surrounded by very high walls, under whose shelter it would appear to be impervious to all such commotions from the outer world. It is, however, the more aspiring and ambitious houses that have suffered the most—the pretentious buildings that, not content with the limited life within insisted on overtopping the lofty rampart walls. And the pride of these buildings has been most lamentably abased. Conspicuous among them was the splendid residence of the Civil and Sessions Judge of Tranquebar, Mr. Pelly—a house that, in its magnificence, might vie with the most lordly edifices of aristocratic Adyar. This—to use an expressive French idiom—has been *completement abime*. Fortunately, however, neither the house nor the furniture belonged to Mr. Pelly, and his personal loss, therefore, was not great. The Zilla Surgeon, Dr. Archdall, was less fortunate; and he was obliged during the height of the hurricane, and at dead of night, to quit, with his wife and children, the home that was tottering above their heads, and to seek shelter in a neighbouring, and less lofty, house. A still greater sufferer—as far as personal discomfort went—was the Reverend Mr. Schaeffer, of the Lutheran Mission, who, at the time, was prostrate on a sick bed, and had also a sickly family to tend. The misfortunes of the other inhabitants were not very great, and were common to most of them—dismantled pandals, violated windows, and tiles untimely snatched away. Zion Church was the greatest sufferer. Its vane was carried off to sea, and the pretty little window, which used to shed a dim religious light over the altar, was burnt in and smashed to pieces. The large old trees—as old as Tranquebar itself—whose solemn shade gave the place the aspect of a venerable cathedral close, have all succumbed to the violence of the storm, and those that still stand, bereft of their foliage, toss their weird naked arms aloft, as the ancient grandames of Ramah might have done on that eventful night after the slaughter of the Innocents! Altogether, a more desolate and forlorn appearance than Tranquebar now presents it would be difficult to imagine. The life that used to roll so quietly, so peacefully, and so happily along, has become a troubled stream; and a deep depression has settled on the old Danish inhabitants, who remember the gay days—not so long since passed—when Tranquebar united the enthusiastic apostrophe of Joseph Méry, and was the gayest and happiest town in all Southern India!"—*Madras Times.*

IMPRESSMENT OF BOATS.

"Civis" writes to the Editor of the *Englishman*:—The practice, noticed in your paper of the 9th, of impressing boats for Government service, is one of the darkest blots in our administration; for it is well known to be a source of much oppression and suffering to the people, and of illicit gain, by extortion and bribery, to the establishment employed in the impressment. The same practice extends to the engagement of carts and bullocks;